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To Be Next President?



Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, who has been nominated Republican candidate for the next U.S. Presidential election.

GREEK ARMY DRIVES ON

Athens, June 24.—Front reports said today that the Greek Army driven to Bourbaki, 10 kilometers from Kozani against heavy machine-gun nests.

Pyrros ridge, important guerrilla defence point was seized. A major offensive to remove the Communists from the Grammos mountains bogged down for the second time in 48 hours today as the guerrillas clung stubbornly to their well-prepared "Free Greece" defence positions.

From the commanding heights in the Alavitsa range, northwest and southeast of this battered village, the guerrillas repulsed a third attempt by the infantry within 24 hours and drove them off despite a continuous barrage and aerial support.

Since the battle so far has been principally a maneuver for positions, the casualties on both sides remain comparatively light. The spirit of the Government troops remains good but the morale of the guerrillas is reported at its highest as a result of the continued hold-out, as well as mine laying, support in food and intelligence supplied constantly by the surrounding villages.

Government forces are now preparing their fourth assault on the Alavitsa ridge.—United Press.

Dewey Nominated For The Presidency

OPPONENTS WITHDRAW TO THROW IN THEIR SUPPORT

Philadelphia, June 24.—Mr. Thomas Dewey, Governor of New York, won the Republican Presidential nomination during a roll call tonight. The third ballot in the Republican National Convention ended with 1,094 votes for Mr. Thomas Dewey. There was not one dissenting vote.

Senator Robert Taft withdrew from the Presidential race today and urged his supporters to vote for Governor Thomas Dewey of New York. This practically assured Mr. Dewey's victory on the third ballot tonight.

Governor Earl Warren of California has released his State's 53 delegates and also recommended that they vote for the New York Governor.

The convention Chairman, Representative Joseph Martin, told newsmen there would not be a nomination for Vice-President tonight if the Republican National Convention should succeed in selecting a Presidential choice.

Dewey leaders told the United Press that Mr. Dewey would address the convention tonight after his expected third ballot nomination. —United Press.

LED FROM START

Associated Press says Governor Dewey had led from the start, sprinting ahead of a pack of rivals through one ballot in the afternoon, picking up power on the second, and then defying his competitors to figure out any way to catch him during a two and a half hour recess.

By the time the recess huddling, frantic telephoning and caucusing was over, delegates were stampeding to the New Yorker.

And then rival candidates one by one turned their supporters loose and freed them to vote as they pleased—and it pleased them all to vote for Dewey.

There were Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, who ran second the first two times around the course, Governor Earl Warren of California, former Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota. There were Arthur Vandenberg, Michigan Senator and all the rest. Senator Raymond Baldwin of Connecticut gave up as a favorite son. The little following of General Douglas MacArthur was cast loose. And then the roll call was just a routine formality. The rule required it.

New Hampshire, with eight votes, had the privilege of putting Governor Dewey definitely across.

It took 548 out of the convention's total of 1,094 votes to make it sure. New Hampshire's votes made it 554. Herbert E. Brownell, a Dewey campaign manager, was beaming all over the platform and saying the New York Governor has no choice yet for Vice-President. He said there would be a meeting tonight (Thursday) to look over a collection of possibilities.

Brownell would mention no names. But the delegates speculated on Representative Charles E. Halleck of Indiana, who swung all Indiana's 29 votes to Governor Dewey; Governor Warren and Governor Dwight M. Green of Illinois.—Associated Press.

EARLIER TRENDS

Convention Hall, Philadelphia, June 24.—Eleventh-hour betting gave Governor Thomas Dewey the probable victory over his six opponents in today's voting for the United States Presidential candidate at the Republican Party Convention here.

In wild excitement after nomination night, the delegates today campaigned to the last before a decision which they confidently expect will give America its first Republican President for 20 years.

New York State's boyish-looking Governor, 40-year old Thomas E. Dewey, seemed within arms reach of the nomination.

Dewey strategists counted on counting to victory on the third roll call of States, if they do not win decisively in the first two tries.

Against this, Senator Robert Taft, of Ohio, Mr. Harold Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota, and a scattering of so-called "favorite sons" fought a defensive, delaying action.

Dewey leaders claimed they would reach 500 votes—48 short of the nomination—by the second ballot.

FIRST TWO BALLOTS

On the first nomination ballot tonight, Mr. Dewey led all candidates with 434 votes—114 short of the required majority.

The positions of the leaders out of the first ballot were: Mr. Dewey 434, Senator Taft 224, Mr. Stassen 157, Senator Vandenberg 62, Mr. Warren 59, General MacArthur 11.

In the second ballot, Mr. Dewey led with 515 votes, according to official ballot returns, but still lacked the necessary 548 votes required for nomination.

The first State to vote in the Convention—Alabama—gave nine votes for Mr. Dewey and five for Senator Taft.

Mr. Dewey's advisers had predicted that their candidate could not win outright on the first ballot. They claim his nomination is certain by the fourth ballot at the latest.

The positions of the leaders in the second ballot were: Mr. Dewey 515, Senator Taft 274, Mr. Stassen 149, Senator Vandenberg 62, Mr. Warren 57.

The Convention then went into recess until 11.30 p.m. (GMT) at the suggestion of the anti-Dewey faction.—Reuter.

Rain Stops Big Fight

New York, June 24.—

The scheduled heavy-weight title fight between Jersey Joe Walcott and Joe Louis was postponed tonight for the second time because of rain.

The bout was immediately reset for tomorrow night.

A downpour struck the stadium shortly before preliminaries were scheduled to start. Water poured through the ring-side area.

The bout had been originally set for last night.—Associated Press.

Britain To Take Japanese Cloth

Manchester, England, June 24.—The British Board of Trade has agreed to the import of 100,000,000 yards of Japanese "grey cloth" cotton cloth to be finished in British mills and reexported to Commonwealth consumers.

The government Cotton Board, disclosing this today, said that the Supreme Command of the Allied Forces in Japan has agreed to accept British Pounds in payment. The total cost of the cloth is expected to run to about £10,000,000.

British private traders will negotiate directly with the Japanese Board of Trade for their supplies.—Associated Press.

Tanker Ablaze In Atlantic

Edinburgh, June 24.—A message intercepted here tonight said an American tanker radioed that she had picked up the crew of a Norwegian tanker, Fenris (9,000 tons) reported to be burning fiercely in the Atlantic.

The crew of the Fenris had taken to lifeboats when the fire got out of control. The vessel was on her way from Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, to Havre, France. There is no fresh news of the condition of the ship.—Reuter.

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DISASTER STRIKES



This striking photo of a gas blast in Pittsburgh, Pa., was taken almost immediately after it happened. Woman victim is being carried from debris-strewn street (centre). Dazed man lies on sidewalk. Photo was taken by a commercial photographer who ran from his damaged studio and started snapping pictures. He was David Love, slightly injured by the blast.—AP Picture.

Only Shooting War Can Drive Americans Out Of Berlin

Heidelberg, June 24.—General Lucius D. Clay, American Military Governor in Berlin, said today that nothing short of a shooting war could drive the Americans from Berlin.

The military governor is here for a conference with troop commanders and he told reporters that "they cannot drive us out of Berlin with anything short of a war."

"Our plans for a West German Government were made sometime ago and we propose to carry them out on schedule."

He said that the new tension does not mean that United States reinforcements will be brought to Germany. "I know of no plans for any increase," he said.

General Clay said that a group of jet fighter planes due to arrive in Germany soon will not strengthen the forces here but will replace the Mustang group.

He said that the situation will not cause him to alter his refusal to order American families to leave Berlin, but his offer to fly women and children of American families out of the city still held if they wished to leave.

Asked about the confused currency situation in which both the Russian money and the new deutschemark backed by the Western Powers apparently will be circulated in Berlin, he said that this did not worry him.

"There are plenty of places in the world where two currencies have been used at once. It can work if anybody wants to make it work." —United Press.

END OF 4-POWER RULE

London, June 24.—Europe today braced itself for a final formal collapse of the four-power rule over Germany and the creation of two German states.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, suddenly cut short his sea-shore vacation to return to London for emergency conferences on the Berlin crisis.

Mr. Bevin planned to take personal charge directing Britain's course. He will plunge immediately into the problems that Russia has created: 1. The Soviet attempt to drive the Western Powers from Berlin, and 2. anticipated establishment of an East German state.—United Press.

EXPLOSION POINT

Berlin, June 24.—The crisis in which the Russians seek to starve the Western Allies out of the German capital of Berlin has reached explosion point.

British troops with full war equipment replaced Germans at the Lehrter railway station in the Ber-

Malaya Terrorism

TROOPS GO INTO ACTION

Singapore, June 24.—A long convoy of lorries carrying troops of the Seaford Highlanders tonight rolled across the historic Johore Causeway from Singapore Island to reinforce troops and police battling against Communist terrorism in Malaya.

Equipped with wireless, they were ready for immediate field service.

Four patrol clashes were reported throughout the Federation in the past 24 hours. Guards twice fired on and drove off armed Chinese who were making for the bunkers of European estate managers.

The High Commissioner for Malaya, Sir Edward Gent, promised tonight that the present threat to peace and order in the country would be liquidated as quickly as possible.

The military and police forces in the Federation are being increased immediately and urgent action is being taken to improve the police equipment to meet the situation, he told the nation in a broadcast over Malaya Radio.

FULL OFFENSIVE

Sir Edward announced a large-scale offensive against the minority of cold-blooded assassins and wreckers now trying to break down Malaya's economic and political organization.

The special emergency powers used for this purpose would, however, remain in force only as long as necessary, he added.

The key word is the offensive. Sir Edward said. But with it, the greatest possible protection will be given to individuals and groups in every community who are exposed to violence.

A large number of special constabulary would be sworn in and vested with police powers to protect estates, mines, factories, depots and other places at present subject to terrorist attacks.

These men would be armed to the limit. A high morale and resistance to intimidation must be restored wherever they have sagged or broken down, Sir Edward added. The enemy's objectives were the breakdown of good relations between workers and employers and the elimination of the management, so that production and employment would be brought to a standstill.

APPEAL TO PEOPLE

The High Commissioner appealed to the people to help the police. "We are meeting a new and violent challenge from a determined group which are a threat to the peaceful in every community in Malaya," he ended.

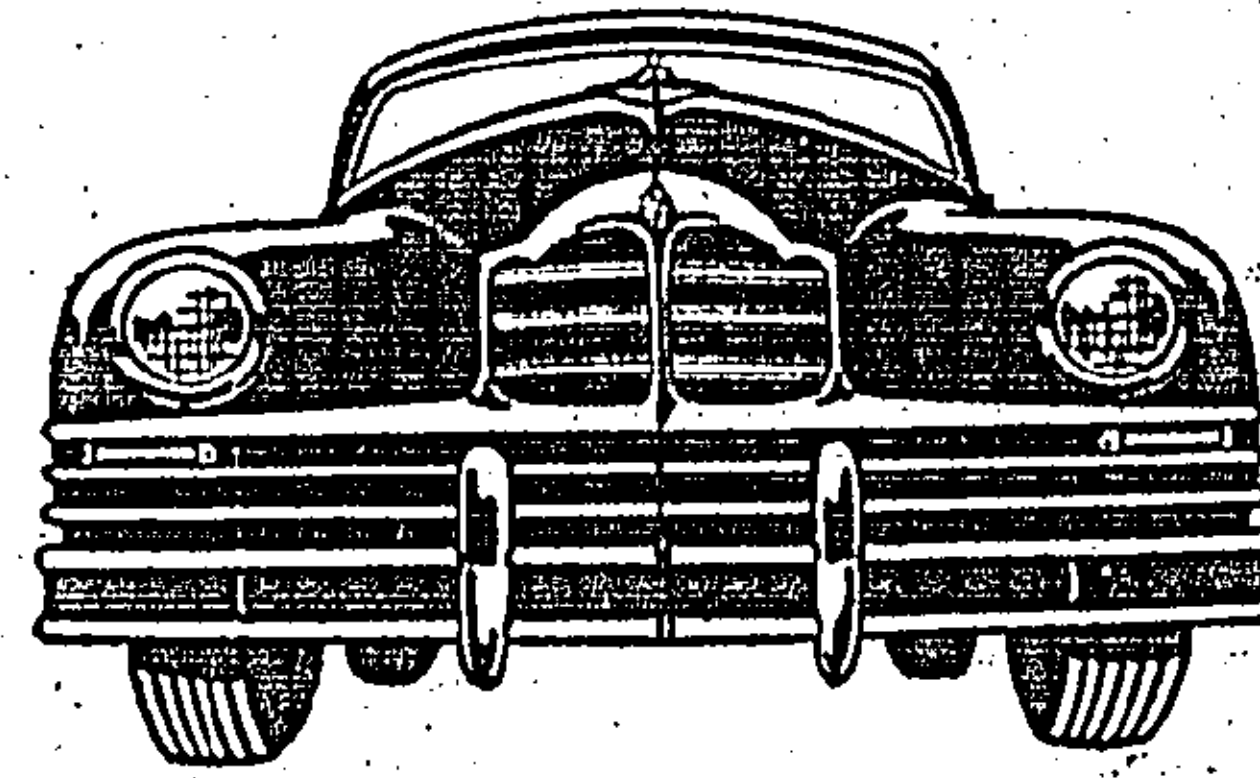
"We must fight and utterly defeat it. How soon this can be done will be the test of the people in all classes of the community." (Continued from Page 5)

EDITORIAL

Danger Signs In Germany

THREE years ago the battle of Berlin was the principal headline news of the moment; today there is developing another, and in many respects equally as grim a battle of Berlin, this time for the economic, financial and political souls of the Germans living amid the ruins of that once-proud capital city. The events in Berlin cannot be viewed with anything but consternation. The thin facade of friendly co-operation between the Russians and the allied Western occupying powers has been torn down and replaced by a curtain of suspicion and hostility completely severing the two zones of occupation. The ideological differences of opinion between the Russians and their Western allies have now crystallized into open dispute as to how Germany shall be governed or permitted to govern herself, and they have apparently brought about an irreconcilable state of mind between the one-time allies. The latest manifestation of what has been called the "cold war" is the struggle to introduce new forms of currency within Germany. The Western powers, satisfied that while Russia remained so intransigent about a unified Germany, and with a unified monetary system out of the question, decided last week to introduce currency reforms within their zone of occupation. But within Berlin itself, jointly administered by Russia and the other allies, it was recognized that a uniform currency was essential. To this end the Western powers proposed a joint arrangement with the Soviets for a new currency that would be acceptable to the whole of Berlin. For a few brief hours it seemed that the Soviets would at last give a sign of co-operation, but although a four-power meet-

ing was held, it had to be abandoned without result. Immediately afterwards the Russians announced a new mark for Berlin in opposition to the new currency already introduced in the Western zone. Thus has into the Western zone, Germany become irrevocably split financially as well as politically. Nor are the Russians content with this action which must have a profound prejudicial effect upon the recovery of Germany as a whole. They are now seeking to cut off all Berlin from the Western powers by severing all lines of communication. Their aim is obvious—always has been: to force the Western allies out of Berlin thus making themselves masters of Germany's nerve centre. Strategically the Soviets are admirably situated to bring off this coup for they control the main railways and waterways and can prevent any supplies from reaching the areas of Berlin controlled by the Western allies, save from air. The prospect, viewed long-term, is admitted by General Lucius Clay to be ominous, although both he and his allied colleagues have stoutly maintained that they refuse to be kicked out of Berlin. Their position, however, may well become untenable, and in the long run the Western allies may have to surrender any authority in the capital. The gain to Russia would amount to nothing materially, but it would have psychological and political repercussions, and would probably strain her relations with the Western powers almost to breaking point. Therein lies the peril of the "cold war": snarling words, incompatible economic and financial policies, and irritating acts of hostility may well be the forerunners of military action that can plunge the world once again into a frightful war.



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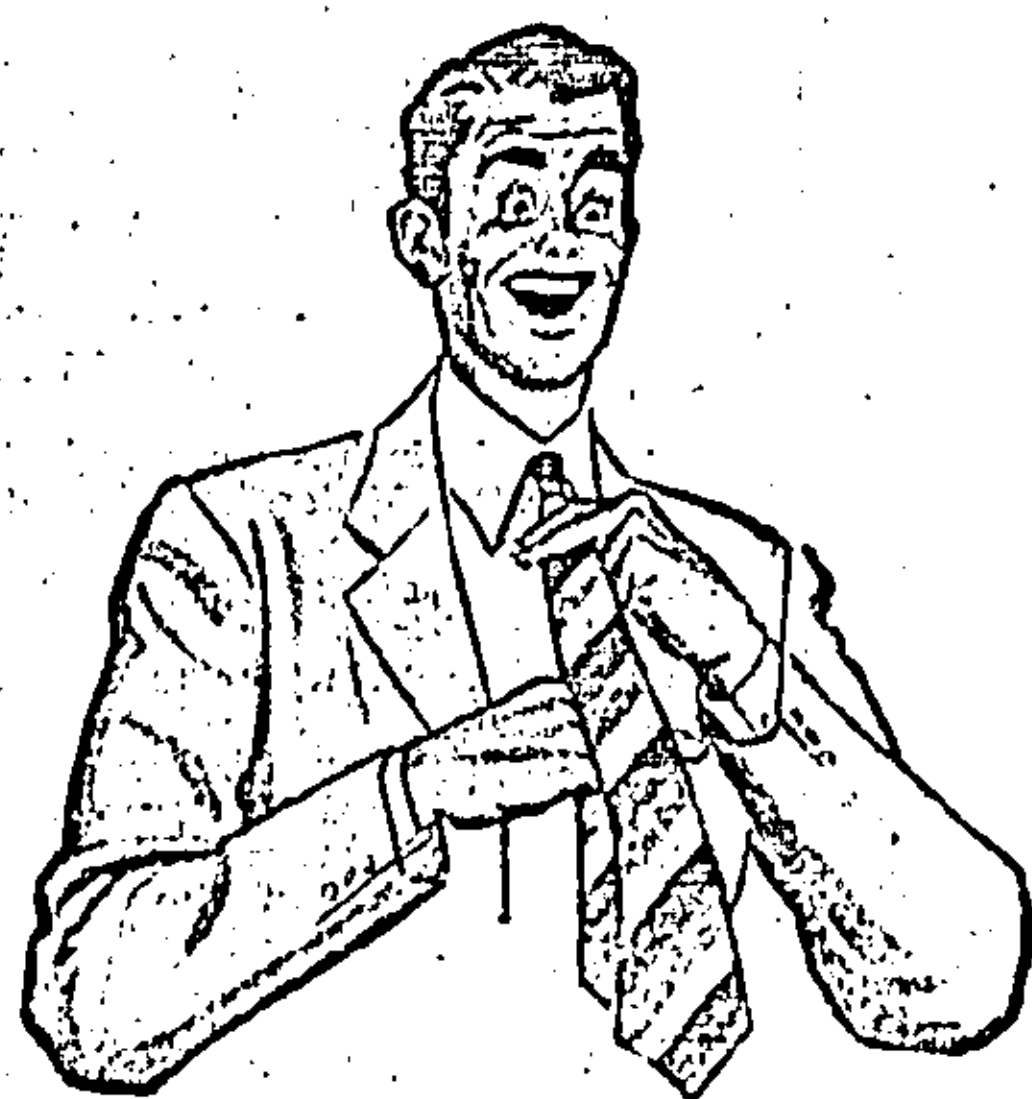
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Around The Town

with Mercia Hillaly

A CURIOUS desire to know whether the Siamese celebrate their national day in the usual gay manner as most countries do prompted me to ask Mr. Somporn Bunnag, the Siamese Consul-General, at the cocktail party held yesterday at the Hongkong Hotel on the occasion of Siamese National Day.

He replied that it was the occasion for national dances and singing late in the day, following a religious ceremony in the morning. The more modern folk would just go out ballroom dancing or find something entertaining to do.

The sad story of a man who lost an efficient secretary has a happy ending after all. He has found another and his loss has been the making of another happy man—Captain Campbell Wilson of the C.A.T.C. who will marry attractive Miss Monique Arnoux at St. Joseph's Church on Monday. They will be going to Shanghai soon after and have decided to settle in Peking where Capt. Wilson will be stationed.

In memory of those who gave their lives during the war and in honour of the men and women who, through the years, have helped the English Methodist Church, a new Hammond organ has been ordered to replace the one which was looted during the war. An appeal has been sent out for further donations towards this worthy cause.

Do you know enough French to say the right thing at the right time? If you think you do, and would like to air your French a little bit, find a member of the Societe de Littérature et d'Art Français to take you down to their meeting at the Parisian Grill this evening, where they are having their "The Conversation" (Tea and conversation) monthly social meeting. I believe they are going to show a couple of short films as well, entitled "L'Esclime" and "Violon d'Ingres".

School problems do not only affect Hongkong—

Educational Migraine

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

MILLIONS of children in the United States will be denied adequate schooling during the next ten years because of the shortage of elementary school teachers. Your child, ten, six, three, one, or still unborn may be among these unfortunates.

Next autumn, 150,000 new teachers will be needed but only 10,000 will have been graduated from all the nation's colleges altogether this year. Within five years there will be a shortage of 500,000 teachers. For the junior and senior high school levels, the supply practically equals the demand.

These facts were revealed by a recent survey made under the auspices of the National Education Association.

Right now the children of many are going to a school whose teacher's training has not gone beyond high school or even the eighth grade. While a few of such teachers prove to be wonderful, with young children most of them are wholly unfit to teach. The quality of teachers and teaching in many an elementary school has slipped back at least a quarter of a century.

Lower Salaries

Why has this appalling teacher shortage happened in the elementary school and not in the secondary schools? Chiefly because salaries are usually far lower there. This naturally means that fewer young people, graduating from high school are seeking training for elementary teaching.

It is true that a few school systems throughout the United States have a single salary schedule, which means that the teacher in the grades

receive the same salary as the high school teacher, provided she has had the same educational training.

Some day parents and the entire community are going to wake up. Until then what about the innocent defenceless children? Aren't good teaching and good teachers as important for the child at six as at sixteen?

A LONG GLOVE STORY



By ALICE ALDEN

AS sleeves disappear almost to the vanishing point, the long, cool glove of fine crisp cotton comes in to its own. Attractive outdoors or in, with that most feminine of gestures, keeping one hand formally

gloved, well in mind is a new series of "mosqueettes" in lengths from 10 to 16 button. Dawnelle does these in a pleasing P-K sewn version in colours as well as the ubiquitous black or white.

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Eyes in the Night

By Fred Harman



Attaining a Trim Waist



Poor posture can ruin the trimmest-looking figure, so Jacqueline White, of the movies, remembers to stand tall.

By HELEN FOLLETT

PULL in your waist-line! designers help inside and out, foundations that keep you snug at the equator, wide belts that nip in, make the waist look smaller.

Since trim lines and slenderness are an important detail of the silhouette, why not get busy and grow them? It can be done. It is a matter of taking up muscle slack, sending fat cells into a state of dissolution if they are present.

Correct carriage is the main point. Let us say, for the sake of argument, that you have got into the habit of slouching just a wee bit. You're tired maybe, feel like dragging your heels.

Stand as tall as you can, extending your spinal column to the limit. Inflate your chest. Let your arms

fall easily at the sides of your body. Slowly inhale a deep breath. That region below your ribs will flatten as you lift your chest. Hips seem to retire to the back. Your tummy will be as flat as your hand. At this moment your waist line is a full inch smaller than when you sit down and make a lump of yourself, which of course you should never do. Ten minutes of this exercise every day will bring wonderful changes for the better.

Nature never intended that the feminine shape should have unnatural bulges. If a woman had proper exercise from childhood on, did not over-indulge in the good things of the table, she would have corsets of strong muscles and her waist would be small.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Teddy's Aeroplane Ride

—What Fun He Had, Sailing Through the Sky!—

By MAX TRELL

"F only," said Teddy the Stuffed Bear sadly. "If only I could take a ride in an aeroplane!"

Everyone in the playroom felt sorry for Teddy, and wished he would be able to get what he wanted.

And then one day the children of the house came home with an aeroplane! It wasn't very large, of course. It was just a model-aeroplane. Teddy was almost as large as the whole aeroplane itself.

Had Wings

It had wings and a cabin and propellers that spun around with a great whirling noise. It was painted blue.

"I'd just like to take a little trip in it," Teddy told Mary-Jane the rag-doll. "Just over the garden and back again. It would be wonderful."

But every night, before they went off to bed, the children carefully put the aeroplane on the top shelf of a high bookcase in the room. Try as he would, Teddy couldn't reach it. All he could do was to look at it. And the more he looked at it, the sadder he became.

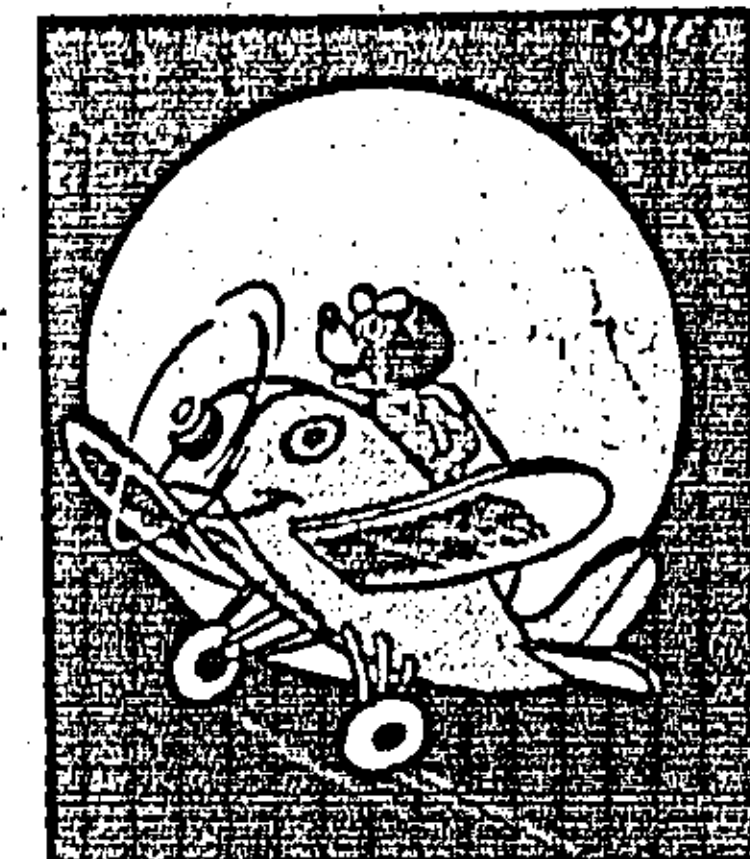
A Wonderful Thing

Finally one night a wonderful thing happened.

The children, as usual, left the aeroplane on the top shelf of the bookcase, and Teddy sat on the floor, looking at it. The room was quite dark. Mary-Jane and the tin soldier and Mr. Punch and all the other toys in the playroom seemed to be fast asleep. Then suddenly the propellers on the aeroplane started to hum as they began spinning around. Teddy gasped in astonishment.

The next moment the aeroplane sailed gracefully off the bookcase and landed at Teddy's feet. The propellers were still spinning, very gently.

"It's come for me!" Teddy cried, springing to his feet. He wondered, as he climbed onto the aeroplane, how he happened to fit into it so easily. He saw, too, that he was wearing a pilot's uniform. But he didn't bother to wonder too much. As soon as he was in the plane he turned a switch (he seemed to know just which switch to turn), and then the propellers spun quickly again. And the plane rose off the floor like a bird!



The moon was shining like a great yellow apple.

Teddy circled around the playroom, way up near the ceiling. Below, he thought he could see Mary-Jane and the tin soldier and Mr. Punch all waving to him, and he waved back joyfully to them. Then the window in the playroom opened up wide and out he flew, into the garden.

Flow Back

Then the plane flew back through the open window into the playroom again. It landed on the floor. Teddy climbed out. The room was still dark. All the other toys were asleep and silent. Teddy's pilot suit was gone. The trip was over. But what a wonderful trip it was! How happy he felt!

And in the morning, with the room all bright with sunshine, Teddy looked up and saw the plane standing just where the children had left it, on top of the bookshelf, high out of reach.

Perhaps it was only a dream trip—perhaps. That's what everyone else in the playroom thought. But Teddy didn't care. He knew it had really happened. He was happy at last.

POSERS

OFF WITH THEIR HEADS

As merciless as Bluebeard, we'll behead a few words and by so doing form other words. Now get busy, and as soon as you have thought of the substitute word, chop the first letter right off. Answers are below.

1. Behead your mind and get precipitation.
2. Behead a promise and get a reef of rock.
3. Behead a water bird, and become sickly in looks.
4. Behead the bow of a vessel and cause mutiny.
5. Behead a small particle of fire and get a place to hold a picnic.
6. Behead a stable attendant and get a chamber.
7. Behead cost and get a cereal grass.
8. Behead a lash and get a thigh joint.
9. Behead strong twisted thread and get fermented juice.
10. Behead a blot and get a cooking vessel.

Answers

1—Mind. 10—Pool.
2—Promise. 8—Whip.
3—Water. 6—Bark.
4—Bow. 5—Spark.
7—Cost. 2—Pledge.
9—Strong. 1—Rain.

BLOW ME DOWN!

Billy: "Why is flattery like bubble gum?"

Milly: "I don't know, why?"

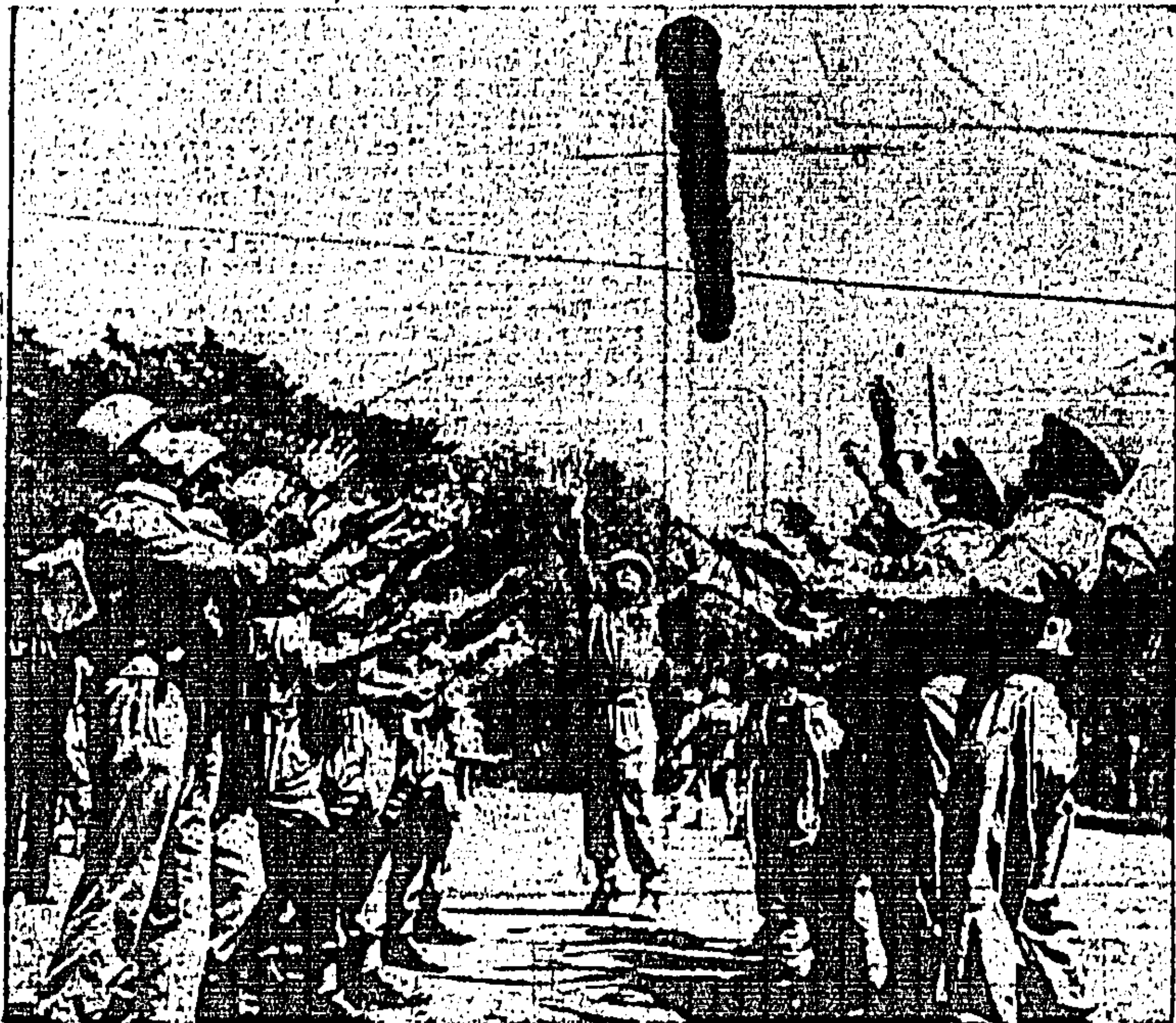
Billy: "Because it's not to be swallowed."

Rupert's Island Adventure—21



The old Professor is very happy at the successful results of the tests of his new paper house. He takes the little friends back to the other room, and his little dwarf brings sandwiches and coffee from the provisions which he fetched in the boat. Then the old man tells his servant to raise the barrier and prepare to row the little people over the lake. When the dwarf has gone, the Professor turns to Rupert. "You must promise me that you will keep my secret safely," he says. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



BRITAIN TRAINS NEW AIRBORNE ARMY—Having learned the importance of surprise attack from the air at Arnheim in World War II, British military leaders have indicated that airborne soldiers will have a foremost place in Britain's army of the future. Here members of parachute training teams at Upper Heyford go through toughening-up training.



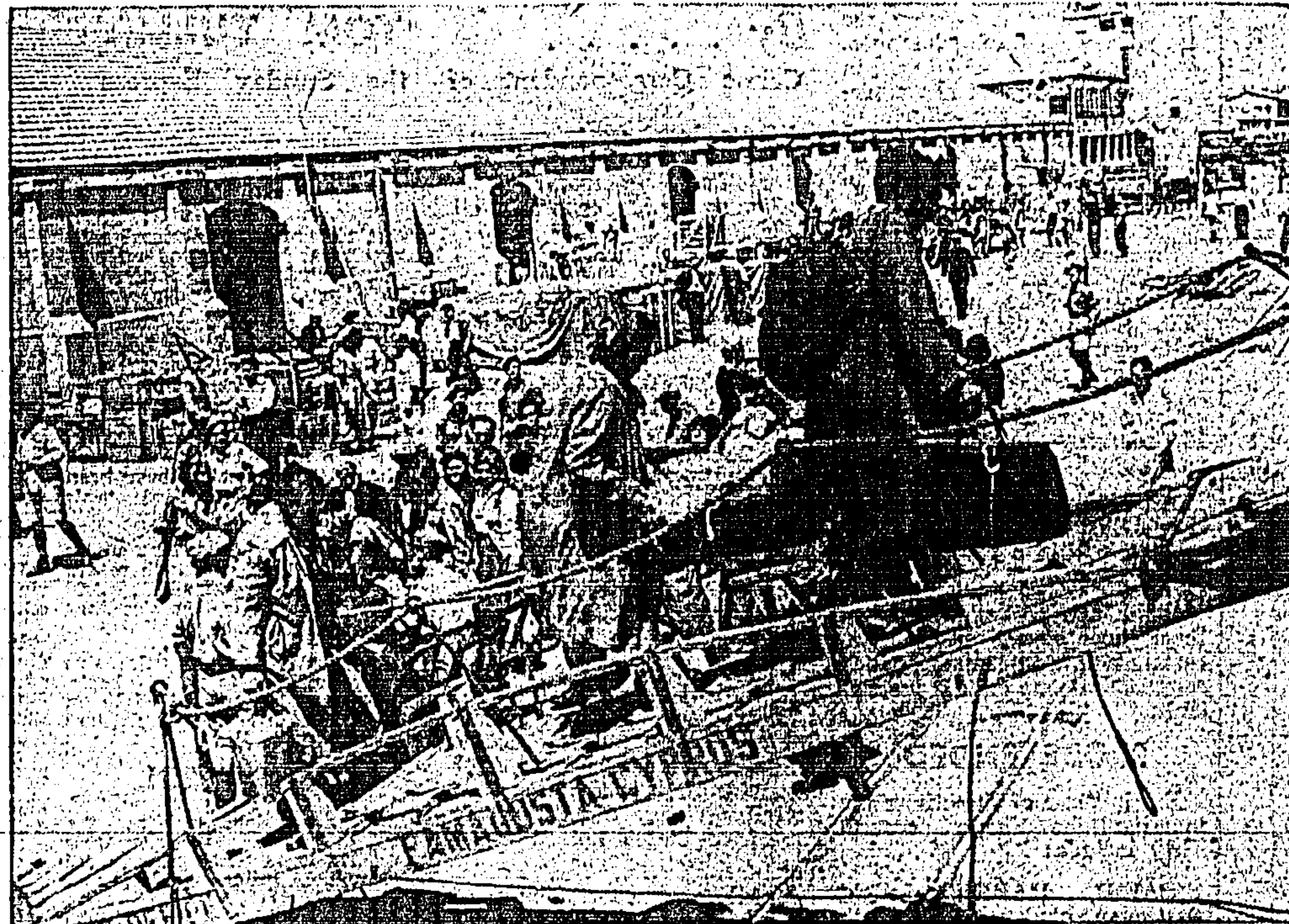
WITHOUT REGRET—In the midst of a heat wave, London's own flock of sheep in Kensington Gardens cast their woollen "overcoats" under the skillful hands of the shearers.



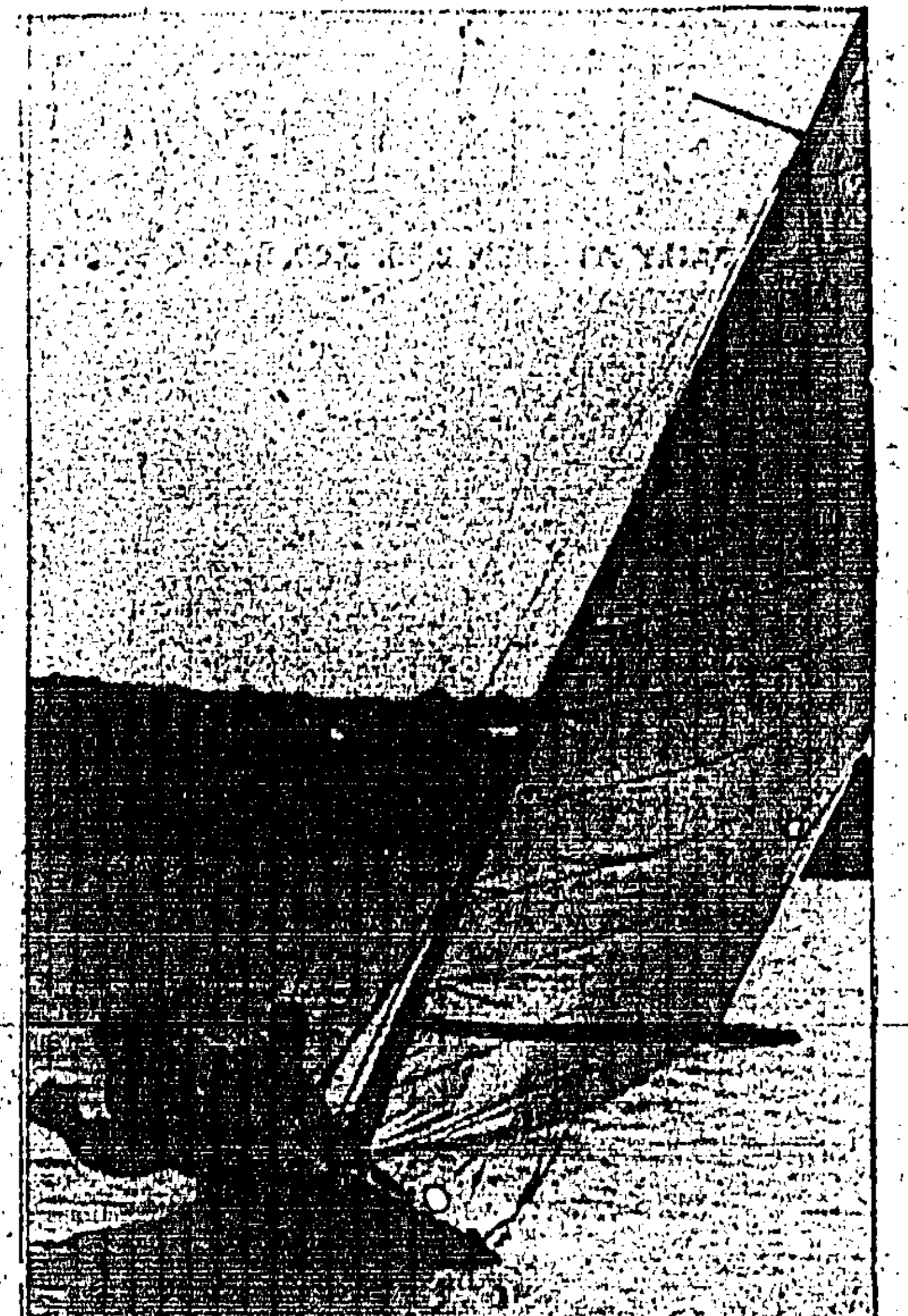
MEN'S HATS GET THE TREATMENT—A New York designer of men's hats has an idea that the New Look in men's headgear will not only be colourful, but revealing as well. The band will proclaim the wearer's occupation. One look at the hat on Boston Braves' outfielder Tommy Holmes and you know the gentleman plays ball.



CANADA-UNITED STATES BORDER—A survey line 5,000 miles long separates Canada from the United States. Along this border lie lakes, forests, rivers, mountains and farmlands. The line even runs through houses. In the north, snow-covered slopes such as these provide an ideal playground.



BOUND FOR PALESTINE—One of the major conditions Israel demanded in the UN-recommended four-week truce with the Arabs was that immigration to Palestine must be free, but she later agreed to suspend immigration for the period of the truce. Picture shows Jewish refugees leaving for Palestine from the island of Cyprus before the truce came into effect.



SMOOTH MANOEUVRING—The Bermuda dinghy Lurline heels far enough to put her under, but the acrobatics of the crew keep her upright as she is put through a test for the dinghy race at Hamilton, Bermuda, following the finish of the Newport-Bermuda race.

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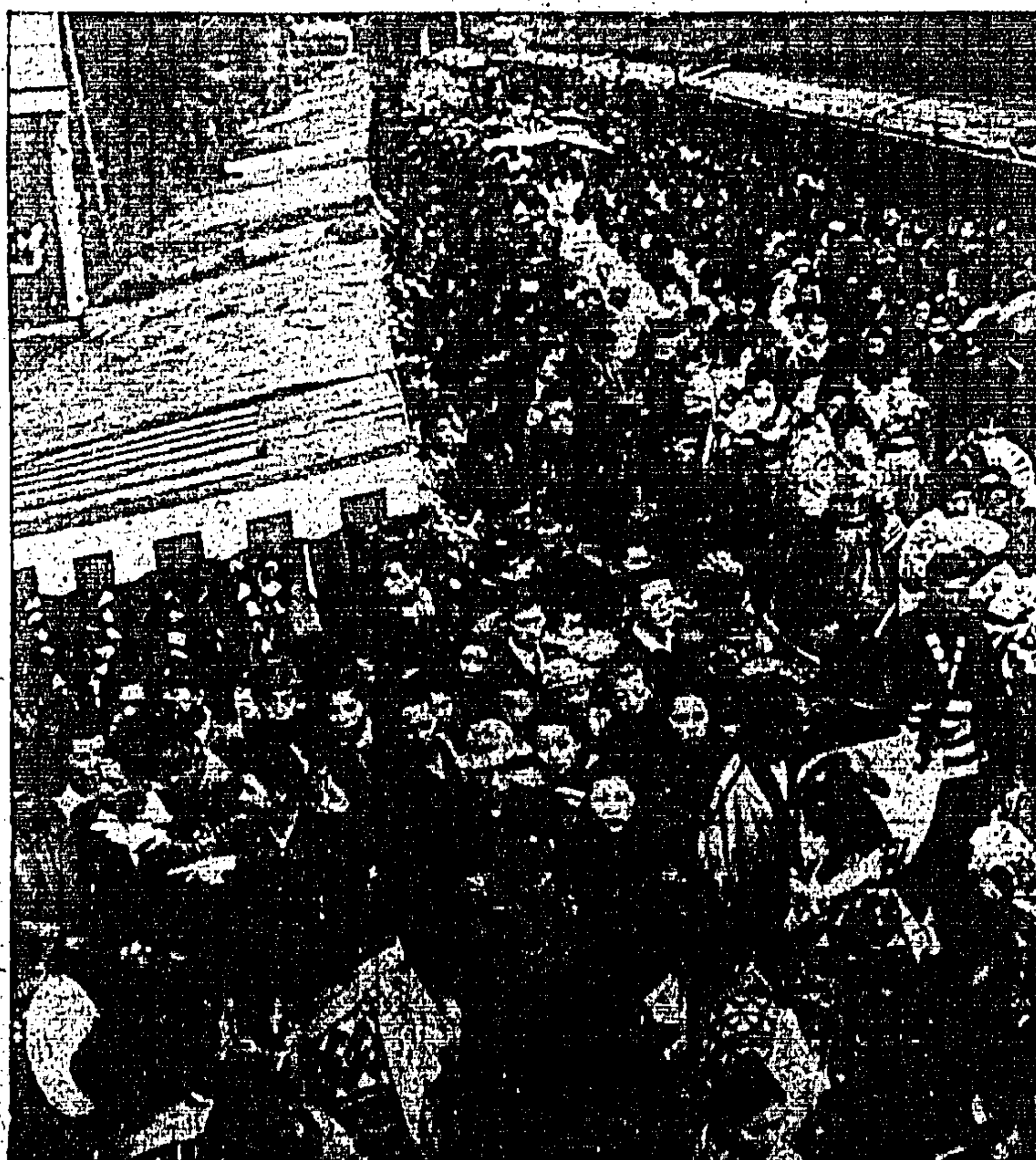
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TOKYO FESTIVAL—Geisha girls dance through bazaar-lined streets in the amusement district of Tokyo during celebration of "Sanja Sama." The festival is dedicated to three fishermen brothers who were believed to have caught the golden image of Kannon, the goddess of mercy.



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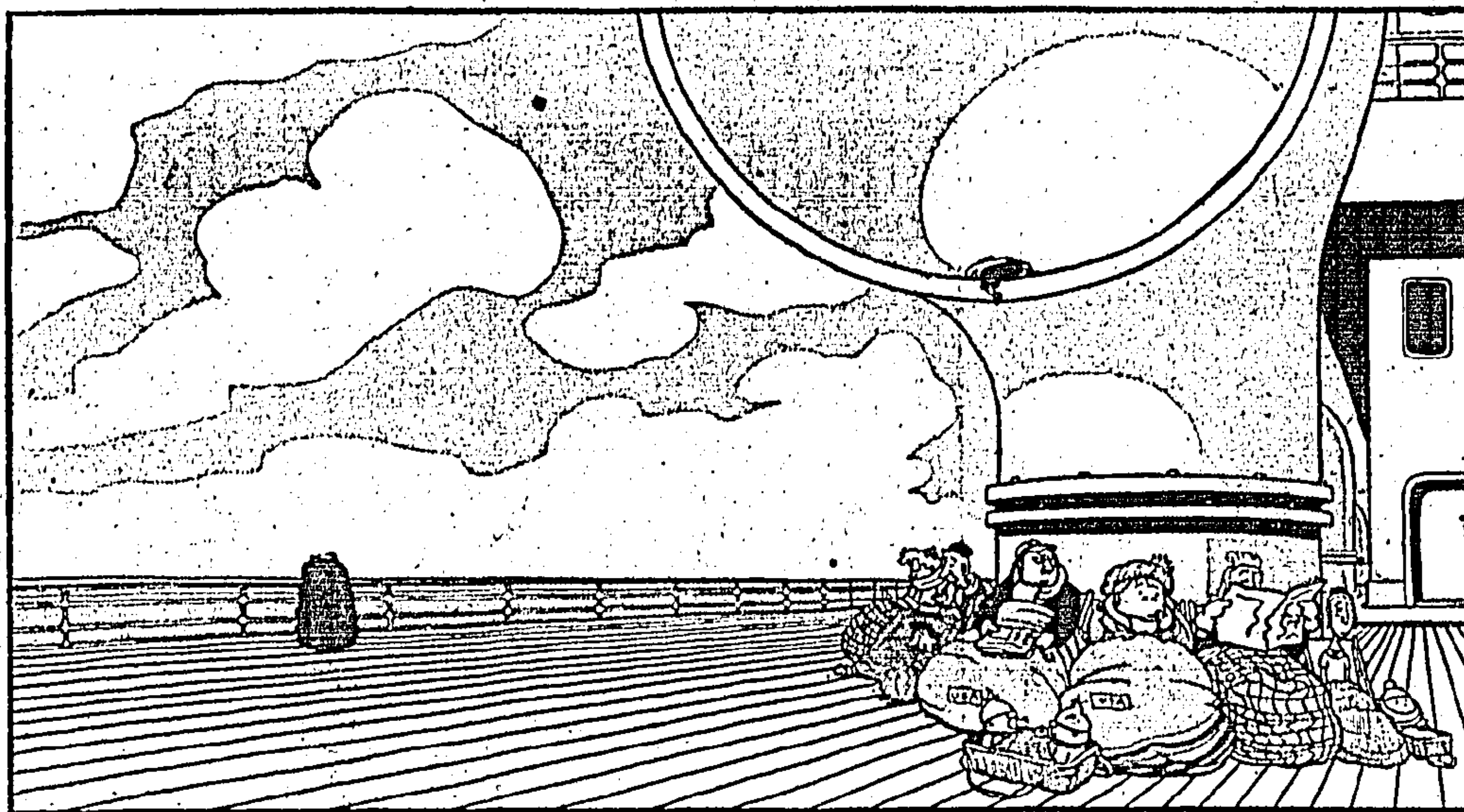
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"That's handy—you've left the iron on, Vera's glasses gone overboard, and grandma's sulking because they
don't sell bulls'eyes in the Queen Mary."

PATIENCE ON A MONUMENT

By 'JAN'

NO village in England fought harder than we did in the last war, but for all that three of us did have to join up in the end. And of the three that went, three returned.

"Nevertheless," as the Vicar said, "it is fitting that we should take this opportunity of erecting some monument, though, since we suffered no mortal losses, it cannot be deemed a memorial."

Accordingly, a committee has been sitting to consider this delicate matter, and we have been sitting for the last three years.

These meetings are held, that is to say, convened, every month. As the school-leaver, Miss Lacey, is our chairman, we sit appropriately in the school desks whilst she beams at us with the blackboard behind her.

The vicar dozes on her right. The postman, as secretary, doodles on her left.

For the last half-hour nobody has spoken—not since Miss Lacey put the question of what type of monument we should erect, to open discussion.

It is hot in here; my knees are cramped by the school desk. I read on the blackboard: "What is the longest river?" The Amazon is the widest river. And down in the left-hand corner there is chalked the laconic comment "Milton was blind."

CERTAINLY HOT

AH, what it is to have the benefits of education, it must open up so much to the enquiring mind.

The labourer outside laughs with yellow derision through the window. Lanky lollyhooks lean against a wall, rather like farm labourers who occasionally go on the dole for a holiday and stand for hours propping up "The Blue Fox" in elegant and self-satisfied idleness.

It is certainly hot in here. Miss

Lacey rises and opens a window. Outside, a drunken bumblebee buzzes haphazardly over a clump of wallflowers. And the hum from the bee emphasises our committee's long silence.

We sit like broody hens. We are thinking. Our ideas must be added.

If it weren't for the vicar's uncomfortable starched dog collar, his head would fall in his lap. Miss Lacey is sharpening her pencil. The point is at least an inch long.

Outside a yellowhammer finds a small worm. The bird devours the worm; our committee devours each detail.

At these moments, a fly on one's nose serves as a welcome distraction; for nothing is so exhausting as giving the impression of thinking; it is more tiring than thought itself, and naturally more sustained.

NOISE LIKE A SINK

IF only somebody could have an idea, I could get back and feed my bees. But Milton is still blind, and the Amazon still is the widest river. Miss Lacey is still sharpening her pencil.

"If somebody doesn't come forth with a suggestion soon," she says, "this committee may find it is more than one war memorial behind."

This statement produces no effect on the vicar. But from the back of the chair a noise like a sink arises. It is Amos clearing his throat. Amos has had an idea. Relieved, we all beam in his direction.

He gets to his feet, lifting the desk on his knees as he does so. "Please, mam, couldn't we just have a beam like that?" We arch our eyebrows. His voice trails off. He sits down like a deflated balloon.

Silence settles on us again. The sun is going to set rather lamely. I wonder how many people are still working at that £507.

What we want is something not ungainly, yet durable; for no one's profit, but as it were, a public amenity. I have it! Something for the kids.

I rise to my feet, looking straight at Miss Lacey. "Couldn't we have a swing?" I suggest. Her look would have turned a worm—I do believe she thought I was asking her to a dance.

Silence falls through air. Now, suddenly the vicar sits—as though waking from his own sermon. "Hymn 531," he announces, thinking he's in church. Miss Lacey continues to sharpen her pencil. Only Amos, the fool, begins to sing....

THAT £50

I RAKE my own mind. But it is difficult combing vacuity, rather like writing in water.

You see, since we didn't lose anybody in the war we can't have an ordinary memorial. At the same time we cannot do nothing; or, if we do, what's the point of that £507?

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Britain's 36 Unsolved Murders In Two Years

By TOM TULLETT
Crime Correspondent of the Sunday Express

IN the last two years the murderers of 36 men, women and children in Britain have remained undetected. Despite the efforts of the police, the coroner's verdict of "Willful murder by some person or persons unknown" has remained unchanged.

Practically every death was violent. Eleven of the victims were strangled, seven were shot. Some died defending their property, others were beaten and robbed.

Seven were children under 12, led away to death by a maniac.

Three times in six months a child killer has struck in Lancashire, within a radius of 20 miles.

Police are still working on those three cases. There are certain points in common which suggest that one man is responsible.

PROBE ENDED

But in some of the others the investigations have ceased. They include:

DAVID HARRIS, night watchman, bludgeoned to death at Swansea, the fourth unsolved murder there in five years.

MRS IVY GRIFFITHS, found kicked to death at Newcastle-under-Lyme.

INGE PETERSEN, battered to death in a house at Hangerlane, Ealing.

ROBERT JACKSON, shot dead in a Bristol cinema.

FRANCES VERA MIZZI, found strangled in a room in Soho.

In addition, all crimes of violence and shootings have increased. In the 1947 report of the Commissioner of Police for London there were 61 cases of thieves carrying pistols.

On 71 occasions a stick was used for an assault; 220 people were knocked unconscious by the fists of bandits. There were 847 cases of wounding.

'OFF' THE BEAT

What can be done to stop this state of crime?

Why so many murders?

Why so many robberies, bindings and gaggings?

DEATH PENALTY

Is the recent outbreak of shootings, assault and banditry due to the Criminal Justice Bill suspending the death penalty for five years?

Or is it the extreme violence exhibited in many films? Somewhere there is something wrong, and if drastic action is not soon taken the criminals may take charge of Britain as they did of many American States not so long ago.

In all these cases, many of which occurred in daylight, no one saw the murderer. No policeman has been near the scene at the vital time.

The job of the police force, as laid down, is first, the protection of life and property; second, the prevention of crime; and third, the detection of crime and the bringing of the offender to justice.

THIRD MAXIM

But has the emphasis shifted from practical protection and prevention? Have the authorities concentrated too much on mobility, radio and other scientific aids which help detection, the third maxim of the police force?

Since the birth of the modern police force the man on the beat has acted as a deterrent to criminals.

But today, how often does one see a policeman on the beat or patrolling in plain clothes? Hundreds of police are travelling around in radio cars, answering "999" calls, but they function only after crime has been committed.

The man on the beat, or the plain clothed patrol,

frequently arrested the criminal as a suspected person before the crime could be committed.

That risk of being arrested as a suspect must have stopped many a potential criminal, more particularly if he or she had previous convictions.

Had the killer of Eileen Lockhart or Jack Quentin Smith, two child victims, seen a policeman; would he have murdered? It is doubtful.

The criminal who carried the pieces of a man's body to the pond on the golf course might have been stopped had police patrolled beats as in the old days.

But the police are well under strength and it is seldom there are enough men to fill every beat. And most beats are twice the size they were before the war.

Sometimes in London only five men are available to fill 15 beats. If those men have to attend to an accident or a drunk the roads are not patrolled at all.

DOG PATROL

Special occasions, such as the Derby, draw men away from their own areas to reinforce others, with the inevitable result.

In one area recently two men were employed checking up on fierce dogs and reporting people without dog licences.

With the police box and scheduled working, the man on the beat no longer has the element of surprise on his side.

And he is not happy in his job. The pay has not kept pace with current costs.

He works odd hours, with every third month night duty. His meal times are never the same two weeks running.

In the days before the present enthusiasm for prison reform, it was common for jurors and others in court to see hardened criminals weep on being sent to prison. It is not so today.

Only a few weeks ago, when a man was sentenced to death at the Old Bailey, he smiled. But he knew that the sentence was a farce, because the death penalty had been suspended.

His reprieve was automatic.

BOY BATTERED

Speak to any experienced detective and he will tell you how criminals feared the death penalty. They would steal, but commit no violence.

So great was their fear of the rope, and the "three clear Sundays" before execution, that they would rather run away than have to fight the occupier of a house.

And why should the law-abiding citizen be compelled to pay for the

keep of foul murderers who rest in comfortable prisons for ten or 12 years—from which prisons it seems easy to escape?

If the clause in the Criminal Justice Bill suspending capital punishment becomes law, what will happen if the murderers of Sheila Martin, found strangled in a wood at Fawdham Green, and the little girl snatched from her hospital cot are arrested?

Will they merely go to a comfortable prison for a few years?

A few weeks ago some boys under the age of 15 years were arrested at Isleworth. They had kicked and battered a boy on the football field and left him for dead. Luckily the boy lived.

It was all over an argument about the way to play football.

LAW AND ORDER

Where did the boys learn such violence? Surely not at home or in school.

But they will have seen it on the films. Are our young people tempted to regard what they see on the films as a normal part of everyday life?

Three youths, one aged 15, are now charged with shooting a policeman at Acton. None had served in the fighting forces, but there is little doubt that they had frequently seen revolvers used on the screen.

Had these boys so seldom seen a policeman on the beat that they did not appreciate this thing called law and order?

Although the Metropolitan Police is nearly 5,000 below strength, there are still more than 15,000 available.

How are they all employed? We don't see them on the beat.

Hundreds of them are employed to sit in cars, either in the hope of meeting crime or to control traffic.

Hundreds of them are employed on duties which a civilian could do: such as clerking, answering the telephone, drawing plans, looking after stores, helping Ministry of Food and Board of Trade enforcement officers.

THE DETECTIVES

And the detectives? They work long hours, often starting at 9 a.m. and working through until 11 p.m. Many of them have to investigate four or five crimes at once. Most of them have to spend the morning at a police court.

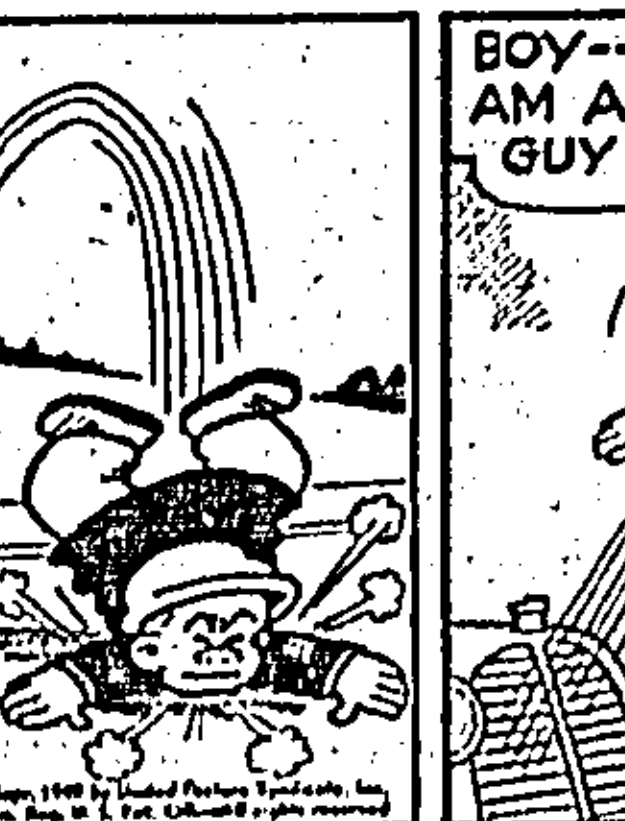
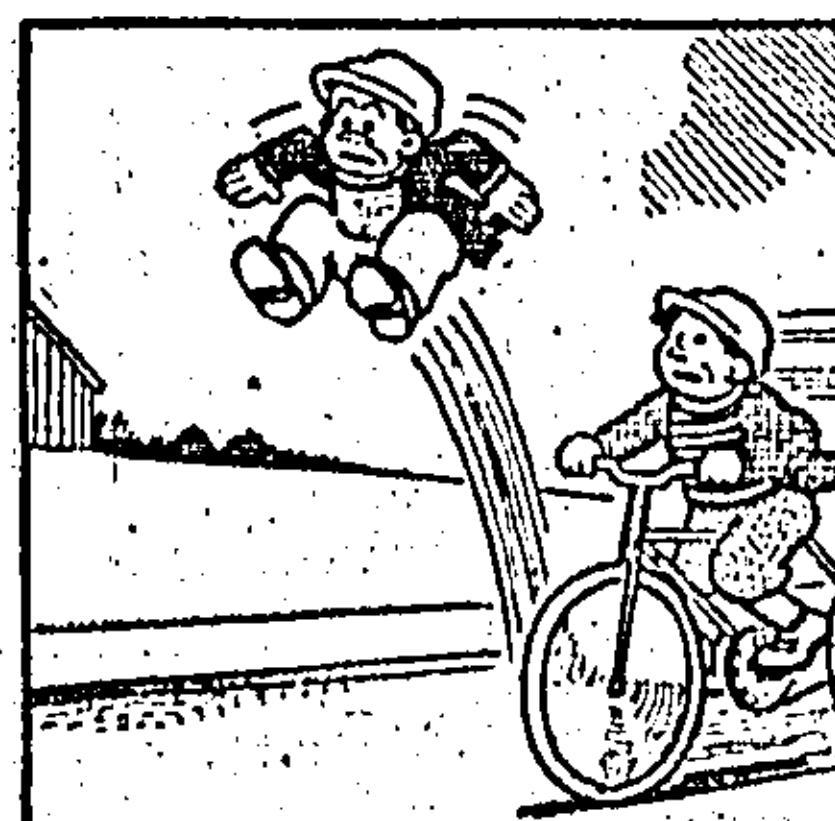
Every report they have to type themselves. They handle property, often large sums of money.

It is impossible for them to go out and patrol the streets, looking for thieves.

All they can do is to try to bring the offender to justice. And they work over 12 hours a day.

Let us get back to the best deterrent of all—the Policeman on the Beat, and the patrolling detective, the symbol of law and order.

NANCY The Time of His Life



By Ernie Bushmiller

Fitch's
SKIN PEP
AFTER SHAVE LOTION
makes your face
SMILE HAPPY
On Sale at Leading Stores
SOLE AGENTS: NAN KANG CO. UNION BUILDING

Soldier's Sentence Reduced 3 Months

JUDGE SAYS HE IS GOING AGAINST PROPER LEGAL PRINCIPLES

Sentenced to 18 months' hard labour on June 11 by Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court for shop-breaking, Norman Edwards, 18, gunner in the Royal Artillery, and a native of Salford, Lancashire, appealed against the sentence before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice Williams, in the Supreme Court this morning.

The grounds for the appeal were that it was too severe and that two others who took part in the crime had not been arrested.

Mr Justice Williams remarked that he could not see how the fact that two others concerned had not been arrested had anything to do with the severity of the sentence.

Edwards, asked what he had to say, replied that everybody made slips in life and he had made one. He said he had been in the Army for 10 months and arrived in Hong-kong four months ago. It was the first time he had been before a criminal Court in connection with any offence.

GOOD MILITARY RECORD

His Lordship, perusing Edwards' military record, said it was given as good. He then went on to ask why Edwards' companions in crime were.

Edwards replied that at the time of his arrest he was worried and had failed to ascertain their names. They were together on a working party just before the crime was committed.

Mr A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, told the Court that the shop-breaking had occurred in the Marrio Cheung shop in Gun Club Hill barracks on the night of June 11. The goods which were stolen included various articles of wearing apparel, including nylon stockings, were taken after the lock of the shop door had been forced. The shop was run by Chinese for the benefit of Service personnel, and goods which Servicemen usually bought to send home were sold there. The goods in question had been taken from the shop's showcase. Another soldier, Dennis Maton, 25, was given six months for receiving part of the property.

Counsel submitted that the sentence passed on Edwards was not manifestly excessive or wrong in principle. It was open to the Court to consider Edwards' youthfulness, that he was a soldier serving in a Colony where the cost of living was high, that he had only a short period in the Army, and that the consequences of a period of imprisonment here was more severe than that of the normal person sentenced for such an offence. He agreed that the sentence might appear to be a little higher than that normally given, but the Court was guided by certain principles which would have to be considered.

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

Addressing Edwards, Mr Justice Williams, referring to Edwards' plea that two companions in crime had not been arrested, pointed out that at the time of his arrest he had not disclosed them to the Police, and had not given them any assistance in that matter. Appellant now apparently felt grievance because two men who had helped him had got off. Appellant's offence was a very serious one, he remarked, and he could have been brought before the Supreme Court on an indictable offence for which the penalty was 14 years.

House-breaking or shop-breaking was very prevalent in the Colony, and sentences must be severe, said his Lordship. It was the same thing in England at the present time where crimes were so prevalent. He could only disagree with the Magistrate's sentence if it was wrong in principle, and whatever sentence he himself (Mr Justice Williams) might have imposed for the offence was another matter altogether.

"I will, however, take into consideration that you are only 18 or approaching 19, that you have not a good military record, and that you have only been in Hongkong a few months," said his Lordship. "I will reduce your sentence by three months, though frankly I am going against the proper legal principles, and that when you come out after serving your sentence you will not commit any further offences."

Gold Through Parcel Post

Keen observation on the part of the General Post Office staff resulted in the arrest of two Chinese who imported gold into the Colony by parcel post.

In Central Court this morning, when Wah Wai and Chan Yuen, both of 18 Apiti Street, were charged with importing gold without a permit, RO J. Redman said that at 10 a.m. yesterday, two parcels from South Africa were received at the Post Office. The contents were declared to be Chinese medicine, but the suspicions of the Post Office staff were aroused and the Imports and Exports Office was informed. When the parcels were opened, it was found that there was a gold bangle in each. Defendants were traced through the addresses on the covers.

Failing to appear in court, defendants had their bail of \$25 each forfeited. The magistrate, Mr Hing-shing Lo, confiscated the bangles.

TENANCY DISPUTE

Tribunal Reserves Judgment

Judgment was reserved this morning by Mr D. L. Strellett, sitting as a one-man Tenancy Tribunal, in the application brought by Mackintosh's Ltd., of Alexandra Building, for the eviction of L. Mercado (Mayo's Shoppe) and Mrs D. Kovach (Salon de Mode) from Shop 7C, Alexandra Building, after Mr D. A. L. Wright, counsel for the applicants.

The disputed premises were occupied by Mackintosh's Ltd. prior to the outbreak of the Pacific War, in addition to the premises they at present occupy. Shop 7C was taken over by Mercado in 1942, when the Japanese were in occupation of the Colony, and he has remained there since. The landlords are the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., but rent was paid by opponents to Mackintosh's Ltd.

The case has had a protracted hearing before the Tribunal, in the course of which evidence was heard from the two parties involved, as well as lengthy and involved legal arguments.

Mr Wright was instructed by Mr J. T. Prior and Mr B. A. Bernacchi, who appeared for the opponents, was instructed by Mr Y. K. Kan.

KCC Concert Tomorrow

A special treat is in store for KCC members and their friends on Saturday night when the popular and talented Hongkong Light Orchestra will present a varied programme of instrumental and vocal music.

Mezzo soprano Joan Turville will give four songs, "On Wings of Song," "Midway," "I Heard You Singing," and "Un Peu d'Amour."

A clarinet and flute solo, "The Butterfly," will be another attraction.

The orchestral programme includes such favourites as "Morning of the Mountains" selection, "Morning, Noon and Night" overture, "The Fire Flyer" selections, and "Show Boat" selections.

Mr William Apps will conduct the orchestra.

The programme begins at 9 o'clock and there will be a 15-minute interval during the evening.

Booking for seats and tables may still be made at the clubhouse.

Shot While Fleeing Police

A shooting incident occurred in the Wan-chai district early this morning.

A Chinese constable in uniform arrested a man in Stewart Road about 6 o'clock for being in possession of housebreaking implements. The man, Li So, about 20 years of age, broke away from custody.

The constable gave chase and called upon Li to stop. Li did not pay any heed and the constable drew his revolver and fired hitting Li in the right leg.

The man was subsequently removed to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Floods Cause 130 Deaths

Shanghai, June 23.—A Central News dispatch from Foochow today quoted the Fukien Provincial Government as reporting that 130 persons were drowned or killed by tumbling houses and 70 were injured in the recent flood in which more than 10,000 houses collapsed, rendering at least 103,000 persons homeless.

The damage was estimated at CN\$1,000,000,000—US\$400,000 at the blackmarket rate.

Foochow is the provincial capital of Fukien and the home of the bulk of overseas Chinese in the South seas.—United Press.

PROPERTY TAX OPPOSED

Shanghai, June 25.—The Shanghai City Councilors decided to draft a resolution opposing the proposed introduction by the National Government of the property tax during a stormy Council meeting yesterday afternoon.

One of the many resolutions passed by the Councilors asked the Central Trust to suspend sales by tender of Japanese woollen piecegoods so that the Chinese woollen industry would not be threatened.—Reuter.

Living On Borrowed Blood



Stricken with Cooley's Anemia, this 12-year-old boy smiles from a hospital bed as he receives his 400th blood transfusion from the Brooklyn Red Cross in New York. Victims of the rare ailment can be kept alive only by repeated transfusions. The boy has been ill of the disease since his seventh month and since then has received 204 pints of blood.—AP Picture.

Japan's Technological Progress To Be Studied

Washington, June 24.—The 11-nation Far Eastern Commission was reported to have voted to permit representatives from each country to go to Japan to study technological advances made by Japanese industry. The decision was taken at a closed session today, informants said, despite some initial opposition from US delegates.

In effect, the decision opens the way for foreigners to enter Japan to examine Japanese industries, inventions and progress for the first time since the war.

Japan has been pretty much shut off from technological developments in the rest of the world for 10 years. Informants said the decision presumably covers the right to examine arms and munitions. Interest has been shown in Japanese textile machinery and fishing methods.

The decision grew out of an Australian request. Australia is much interested in Japan's latest model fishing nets.

RADIOED DIRECTIVE
The directive will be radioed to General Douglas MacArthur who is expected to bring prompt arrangements to put it into effect. It was understood considerable details were left out. The Commission was reported to have decreed that interested nations must visit Japan and complete their work within nine months from now.

The spinning industry of Lancashire, was understood to be interested in new methods the Japanese were reported using in their spinning industry.

The Commission emphasised its desire that such study groups be confined strictly to bona fide technological matters and that the project not be used as a channel to permit persons interested in other matters in Japan to enter the country.

The Commission made no other decisions at its weekly meeting. But

Americans To Stay In Berlin

(Continued from Page 1)

Electric power and water, both controlled by the Russians, have been cut off for hours from the Western sectors. Rail and auto traffic to the Western Zones has stopped completely.

In retaliation, the British stopped the movement of all freight trains carrying coal, iron, steel and other vital supplies from their zone to the Russian zone.

All American troops have been put on an emergency alert. Tanks and heavily-armed jeeps roared through the streets of the American sector with sirens screaming, watching for any Russian-inspired Communist outbreak.

TENSION RISES
Tension rose rapidly in the dramatic struggle between East and West as the Russians, in an attempt to force out the Western democracies, tried to starve the world's fourth-ranking city.

General Clay, American commander, flew to Heidelberg for a conference with his Army Chiefs of Staff. It was there that he announced, "They cannot drive us out of Berlin by anything short of war so far as we are concerned."

General Clay said that neither the Russian efforts in Berlin nor the Communist conference in Warsaw—which is planning to proclaim a separate German government in the Eastern Zone—could slow up plans for Western Germany.

The Russian Army newspaper, Tagliche Rundschau, attacked the Western Allies, saying they had no right to stay in Berlin. The German police reported that the Russians were holding four American soldiers in the Soviet sector.—United Press.

Husband And Wife Murdered

Rangoon, June 24.—Mr H. J. Forbes, the British manager of a coffee estate in the Shan States, northeast Burma, and his wife were murdered by gangsters on the night of June 18, according to the semi-official New Times of Burma today.

About 30 men, armed with sub-machine guns, attacked the Forbes residence at Chaungwa and shot them while they were trying to give the alarm, the paper said.

The police are investigating the murders. The New Times commented: "It is hoped that there is no connection between the murders at Chaungwa and the organised attempt which is taking place in Malaya at the extermination of Europeans employed in plantations."

The paper, which implied that the Forbes murder was the outcome of the Communist insurrection, added: "As in Burma, there is no reason to suppose that the majority of the people in Singapore and Malaya are inclined towards Communism."—Reuter.

FATE OF KAIFENG DUBIOUS

Nanking Claims Not Wholly Surrendered

Shanghai, June 25.—Conflicting reports continued today on the fate of the Honan Provincial capital of Kaifeng, with pro-Government reports insisting that the garrison there was still fighting, while the Communist radio claimed the city's capture on June 22, and Honan Legislative Yuan delegates in Nanking likewise insisted that the city has fallen.

A Government military spokesman in Nanking insisted that Kaifeng was not completely in the hands of the Reds and insisted that the Nationalists are now in a position to rescue the city after the Reds began withdrawing in face of the nearing Government reinforcements. If the Communist claims of capture are held up it will be the first provincial capital of China Proper to fall in Red hands.

INDEPENDENT REPORTS
Independent reports seemed to confirm the Communist claims. The Red Radio said that more than 30,000 Government troops were killed and wounded and 20,000 captured. It added that more than 100 miles of the Lunghai railway between Chengchow, west of Kaifeng, and Luochow, east of Kaifeng, are now under the Communist control.

The Reds claimed that General Yu Ling-yun, chief of staff of the Government's 60th Division, along with Brig-Gen. Chang Chieh were captured.

At Peiping, Gen Fu Tso-yi's headquarters claimed a Government victory in which the Communists were driven out of Kupukou, 100 miles north of Peiping in Jehol province. It said that government reinforcements driving northward from Peiping arrived in time to turn the "extremely precarious situation" into a Nationalist victory in which they captured large quantities of enemy supplies.

GUARDS CAPTURED
The Peiping Railway Administration reported that the Communists, striking for the second time in 10 days about 10 miles from Tientsin on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, carried off railway employees and Army guards from the station. About midnight, the Reds hit the town of Pilsang, 10 kilometres from Tientsin, carrying on destruction until they were routed by the arrival of government troops. The Administration said it did not know how many were taken prisoner by the Reds in the raid.

Pro-Government reports claimed that one of the most important battles in the civil war may take place on the Honan plains south of Kaifeng in which the government troops hope to surround 100,000 Communists—elements of Chen Yi's and Liu Poch'en's armies.

The reports said that three strong government armies are converging on the south of Kaifeng from the east, west and south in an effort to trap the Reds. The east and west columns are at present about 50 miles apart while the column from the south is farther from the goal despite the forced march. Pro-Government reports concede the possibility that the Communists may pull out swiftly before the government troops can close the trap.

AIR UNITS STRIKE
Government air units again swept the Kaifeng area, bombing and strafing Red communications lines. They claimed that more than 10 trucks and 100 hand carts were blasted by howling fighters.

Meanwhile, one of the most military operations is being held in Sian under President Chiang Kai-shek.

The highest ranking military commanders in Northwest provinces arrived by special planes to participate in deliberations which may result in more active participation in the civil war by crack divisions of Mohammedan generals, including Ma Hsun-kwei and Ma Pu-fang, whose forces delivered a heavy blow at the Communists at Eastern Kansu recently.—United Press.

Record Surplus For U.S. Treasury
Washington, June 24.—The U.S. Treasury's record surplus has boomed close to the US\$8,500,000,000 mark, it was disclosed here today.

The Treasury said a surplus of US\$9,471,000,000 was in hand on June 22, the last day for which the figures are available.

The total has never crossed the US\$9,000,000,000 mark in any previous year.—United Press.

Malayan Terrorism

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Five Indians and one Chinese were detained for questioning last night when the headquarters of the New Democratic Youth League were raided.

Today, S. K. Chen, described by the police as a "very much wanted" man, was arrested. He is a Chinese technician working for the Far Eastern Broadcasting Corporation, the chief British shortwave transmitter in the Far East.

Chinese gunmen shot dead a Chinese shopkeeper near Selayang during the night. The dead man was a local official of the Kuomintang Party.

Earlier in the day, gangsters fired on a police barracks near Kangar, North Kedah, but were driven off after a gun battle. No casualties were reported.—Reuter.

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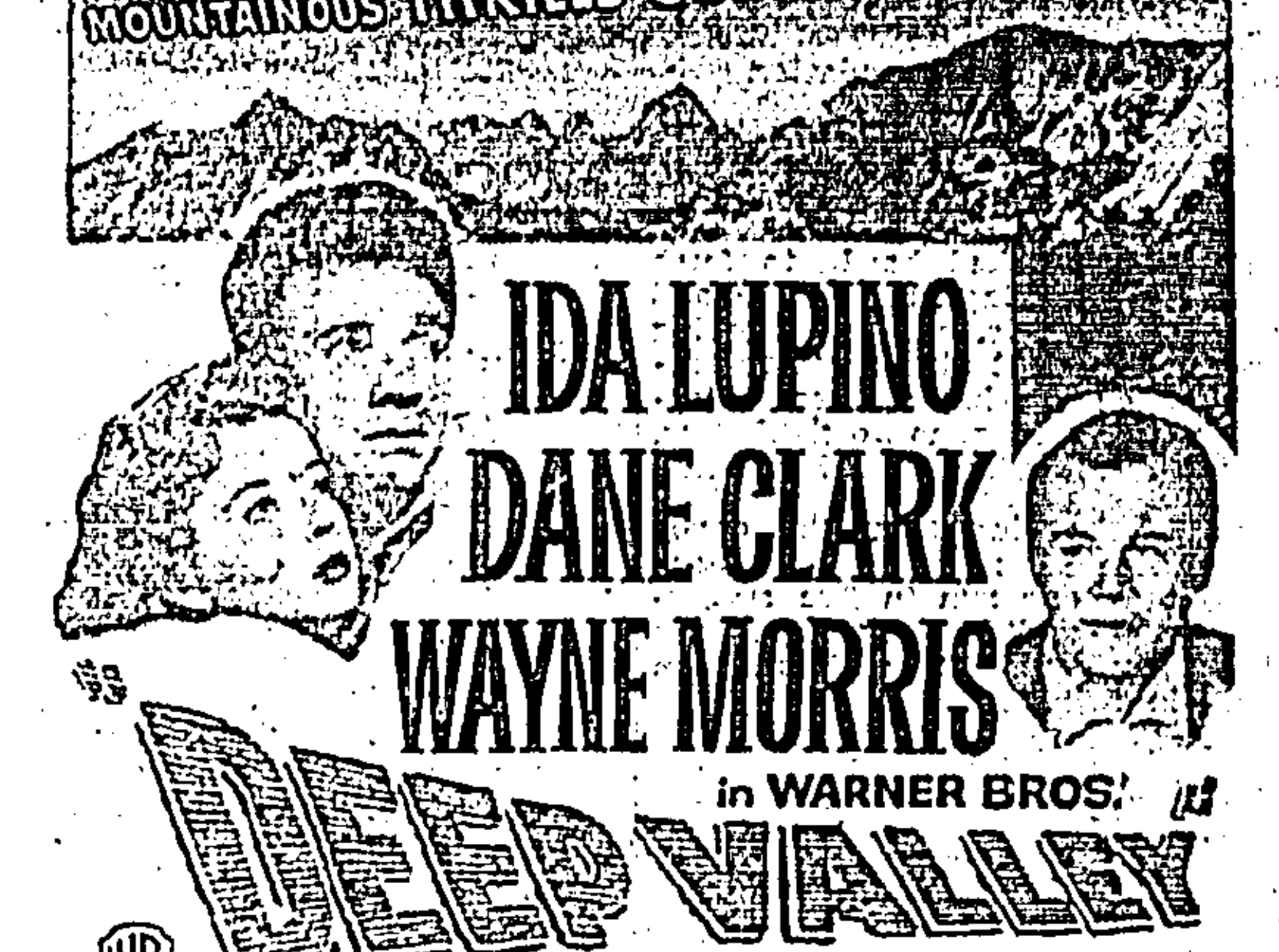
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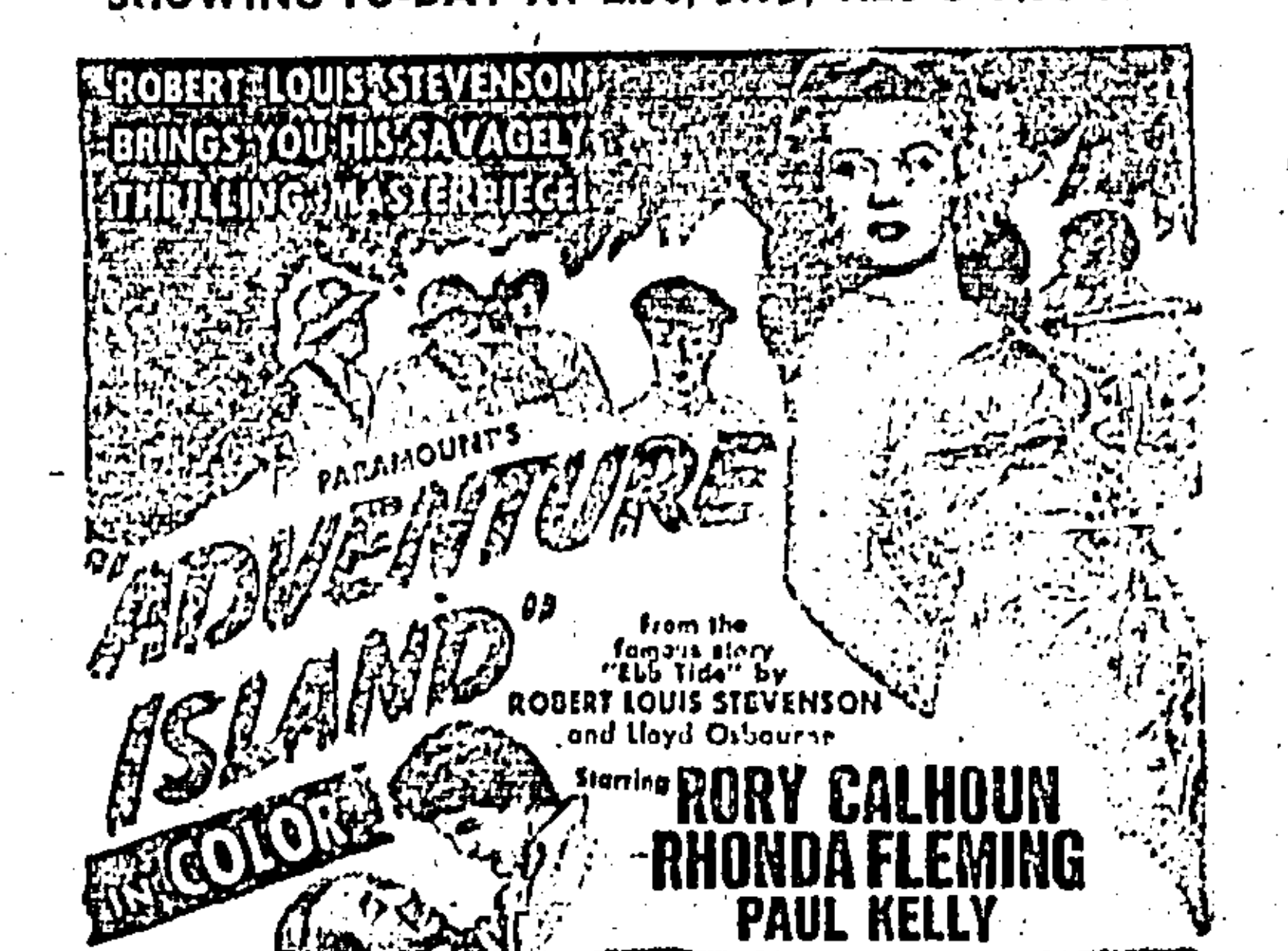
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AIRLINES WANT FARES UPPED

Shanghai, June 25.—Chinese airlines today petitioned the Ministry of Communications for a 100 percent increase in fares on the basis of higher gasoline prices, rising living costs indices and foreign exchange rate.

The airlines pointed out that they had gained temporary relief on meeting the fuel prices through a government bank loan but added that it is becoming increasingly difficult to make purchases now with the existing import and exchange controls.

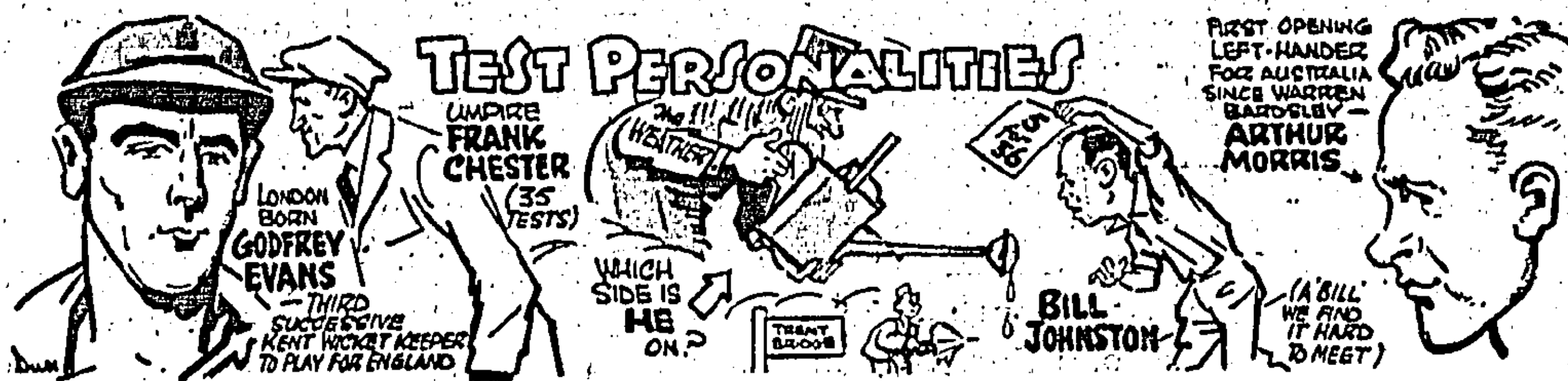
The last increase granted to the airlines was on June 2, when increases ranging from 65 to 80 percent were granted.—United Press.

Soldier Attacks Police Station

Tientsin, June 25.—Police and military personnel conducted off a large area of the former German concession, bordering on the former British area, yesterday as a Chinese wounded soldier receiving treatment at a Tientsin military hospital attempted to attack a police station.

The trouble arose from a scuffle between police and soldiers at a theatre the previous night. Traffic was interrupted at the scene of the fighting for three hours.

The wounded soldier was eventually escorted away by a hospital superintendent after intervention by the police and military authorities.—Reuter.



SECOND TEST MATCH

Australians Fighting For Runs Against A Keen English Attack

258 for 7 Wickets at End of First Day's Play

Lords, London, June 24.—Australia were always fighting for runs against a keen English attack in scoring 258 for seven wickets at the end of the first day's play in the second Test.

The Australian hero was fair, curly-headed, left-handed Arthur Morris, whom Bedser, Yardley, Wright and Edrich had good cause to remember for the three successive Test hundreds that he made against them in the 1946-47 tour. Morris, choosing the right ball to hit and scoring all round the wicket, staved off complete disaster.

Bradman's weakness for the late in-swingers can no longer be denied. In four of his last five innings he has been dismissed by Hutton fielding in the same short leg position. He never looked really comfortable against an attack which remained hostile throughout on an easy-paced wicket.

Bedser thoroughly deserved his reward in getting Bradman in the third successive Test innings. No wonder Bradman has described him as the best English bowler of his type since Maurice Tate.

Despite the missed chances, two of which were very difficult, the English fielding was admirable, Hutton, Washbrook and Coxon being outstanding.

Bradman's luck did not last after lunch. Attempting to drive at Bedser's second over he mistimed and was well caught low down by Hutton at fine short leg. Thus, Hutton and Bedser completed the unique hat-trick by dismissing Bradman in the same manner in his first three Test innings this tour.

The second wicket fell at 87, having added 84. Bradman's innings, probably one of the shakiest of his career, lasted 111 minutes and included four boundaries.

Morris was joined by Hassett instead of Brown and reached his half century in 130 minutes.

England attacked hard to force home the advantage, but Morris and Hassett concentrated on wearing down a confident attack before embarking on scoring strokes. Hassett, with three runs off Bedser, hoisted the hundred in 145 minutes.

Wright, bowling from the opposite end to his morning spell, conceded only one run in five successive overs, and Yardley kept the other end "tight" with medium paced in-swingers.

England took the new ball at 137 when Morris wanted 18 runs for his century. The pitch was drying steadily at this time and gave the bowlers no help, yet they continued to attack. Morris at no time looked in trouble and his assurance contrasted with the indecision of other batsmen.

Morris took two boundaries off Coxon with the new ball and entered the 90's. A little later, with an on-drive and a superb stroke through the covers in another over from Coxon he reached 101, out of 100, in three hours 20 minutes. He had achieved every batsman's ambition of obtaining a century in his first Test at Lords.

Soon after completing his century, Morris was caught by Hutton, off Coxon, at fine leg. Morris was at the wicket for three hours 22 minutes and hit one six and 13 fours.

Hassett, who had scored a patient 20 of the 79 runs added, soon lost Miller, who got in front of a straight ball from Bedser.

CRITICAL SITUATION

Brown, usually an opening batsman, faced a critical situation. Sticking to the defence, the new ball presented few terrors for him. He and Hassett remained together until ten when Australia were 188 for four, the result of four and a quarter hours' cricket.

Bedser's figures at this point were 25 overs, 8 maidens, 52 runs, two wickets, and Coxon had taken two wickets for 55 runs.

England's fielding lapses continued after tea when Hassett, twice missed before the interval, was again missed twice. When 40 and the total was 108, he gave a fairly easy chance to Edrich at slip, but the ball struck Edrich on the chest and fell to the ground.

Brown, pulling Wright for four, sent up the 200 in four and a half hours, after which Hassett, when 42, gave Yardley a comparatively easy catch at square leg off Bedser, which was dropped. Hassett had been missed four times in scoring 42 runs in 145 minutes.

Runs came very slowly and the crowd showed signs of impatience. Then, the first time that either batsman attempted a bold stroke in the 50 minutes after tea, Hassett played a ball from Yardley into his wicket at 210. Hassett batted two hours 55 minutes for 47 out of 129 runs scored.

Nine runs later, Brown, who had batted 55 minutes for 24, was leg before to Yardley, whose two quick wickets had amply atoned for his earlier dropped catch. The England captain's two wickets conceded only 21 runs.

Ian Johnson continued the defensive policy and played 40 minutes

for four, all off his last scoring stroke, before being snatched at the wicket off Edrich at 240.

Tallon, the only tail-end batsman to show any enterprise, and Lindwall played out time.

THE SCOREBOARD

The close of play scoreboard reads:

Australia: First Innings				
Barnes, c Coxon	105			
Morris, c Hutton, b Coxon	100			
Hassett, c Hutton, b Bedser	38			
Hassett, b Yardley	47			
Miller lbw, b Bedser	4			
Brown lbw, b Yardley	24			
Johnson, c Evans, b Edrich	4			
Tallon, not out	23			
Lindwall, not out	3			
Extras	8			
	258			

for 7 wickets

Bowling:				
	O	M	R	W
Bedser	34	12	67	2
Coxon	29	8	62	2
Edrich	9	0	15	1
Wright	21	8	54	0
Laker	7	3	17	0

Yardley 15 4 35 2

—Reuter.

COUNTY CRICKET

London, June 24.—With Sussex gaining their first win of the season today against Worcestershire, there is now no county club without a victory in the championship competition.

The spin attack of James and Oakman tumbled Worcestershire out before lunch, and resolute batting by Parks and Cox followed by an unbroken fifth wicket partnership of 80 between James Langridge and C. Oakes brought Sussex their win. James took four wickets for 27 runs in Worcestershire's second innings today for a match analysis of eight for 70, while Oakman's bag today was four for 31, after they had lost five wickets for 89 yesterday.

A brilliant sixth wicket partnership of 209 in 185 minutes by Nanneth Cranston and A. Wharton helped to put Lancashire in a strong position against Warwickshire.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

The close of play scores were:

At Guildford: Hampshire 270; Surrey 337 for 7 (Fishlock 120, Parker 52).

At Bath: Oxford University 233 and 103 (Hazzell 4 for 10); Somerset 159 (Whitcombe 4 for 29, Van Ryneveld 4 for 41) and four for no wicket.

At Stourbridge: Sussex beat Worcestershire by six wickets. Worcestershire 103 and 139 (Dews 54, James 4 for 27, Oakman 4 for 31); Sussex 116 and 187 for 4 (Oakes 50 not out).

At Bradford: Yorkshire 423 for 9 declared; Kent 251 (Todd 62, Hearn 60) and 187 for 3 (Todd 59 not out, Valentine 84 not out).

At Swansea: Glamorgan 329 and 103 for 3 (C. Davies 75); Nottinghamshire 217 (Munroe 5 for 61).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire 166 and 134 for 3; Lancashire 250 (Wharton 115, Cranston 142, Pritchard 5 for 110).

At Bristol: Gloucestershire 123 and 210 for 5 (Munks 104 not out, Hale 61); Cambridge University 251 (Insole 81).—Reuter.

LOOKING AT THE GAMES

Women Athletes In Britain

By ROY MOOR

Women's athletics is becoming increasingly popular in Britain. All the leading clubs in the country report an increased membership and a distinct improvement in the general standards in their various championship events.

Britain's Olympic Games selectors, in consequence, are having a busy time grading likely contestants for the world tournament to be staged in London this summer.

While already 100 names have been listed as Olympic "possibles", not until the national championships have been decided in June, will the British women's Olympic team finally be chosen. The National Council for Physical Recreation has already sent coaches and lecturers to parts of the United Kingdom where, in the past, women's sport has had little or no following.

EXPERIENCE IN BRITAIN'S FORCES

Much of this increased interest in women's athletics is the outcome of the important part that physical education played in the lives of young British women while they were serving with the Forces during World War II.

Now, back in civilian life, they are turning their Services training experience to advantage. A place in the national Olympic Games team is a general ambition.

Britain's women athletic team will be the strongest ever nominated for

Olympic Games. None is likely to perform better than 10-year-old hurdler, Miss Maureen Gardner. On four occasions last season—her first as a hurdler, incidentally—Maureen won the 80 metres hurdles race in 11.5 seconds to get within one-fifth of a second of the world record standing to the credit of C. Testoni (Italy) and Mrs Blankers-Koen (Holland).

She scored two of these victories in London, another in beating the French girl, Mlle. Toulouse, at Paris, and the fourth at the international meeting in Luxembourg.

BALLET DANCING AND HURDLING

Miss Gardner, a teacher of ballet dancing, has worked hard at perfecting her hurdling technique during the winter months and has so impressed Britain's chief athletics coach, Mr Geoffrey Dyson, that he is confident Maureen will at least equal the world record for the women's 80 metres hurdles run before the season is out. Britain has other brilliant women hurdlers, too, in Miss J. Desforges and Miss B. Corwith of Middlesex, though neither is quite in the same class as Miss Gardner.

Sprinting is another branch of women's athletics in which many fast times are being recorded. A relay team of Misses Sylvia Cheeseman, Mary Walker, Maureen Gardner and Winifred Jordan, was too fast for France in the international four by 100 metres relay at Paris last year.

BEST SPRINTER

Mrs Jordan is still Britain's best sprinter; although Maureen Gardner has been finishing close to her in 100 metre championship races both in England and abroad. Runner-up to Setschenova (U.S.S.R.) in the 100 metres and 200 metres women's finals at the European Games at Oslo in 1946.

Mrs Jordan's best performances last summer were the winning of the national 100 metres championship in 12.1 seconds and defeating the French champion, Lea Caulia, in the Britain versus France match at Paris. She also won an international sprint at Luxembourg.

The girl from whom I expect outstanding achievements in the near future is 18-year-old Sylvia Cheeseman. She reached the final of the European 200 metres championship and finished fifth in 25.8 seconds.

I also anticipate much improved performances from Miss M. J. Lucab, of Epsom and Ewell Harriers, London. On three occasions last year she lowered the British 100 metres record for women, finally increasing the figures to 12.3 feet three-and-three-quarter inches which has been officially approved as a new British record.

Another woman athlete who is expected to do well in this season's international competitions is Miss Bevis Reid, who, while serving with a British Government department in Italy, made a journey to London to compete in the British national championship.

She won the Shot Putting event with 30 feet two-and-a-quarter inches and finished second to Miss Lucas in the Javelin with 118 feet eight inches. There is also Kitty Dwyer, Shot Put champion until deprived of the title by Miss Reid last year, and Miss L. Cornell, a youthful long jumper.

Miss Cornell is a daughter of Marjorie Cornell, a famous British woman athlete who won many national and international honours and registered the British long jump record of 19 feet two-and-a-half inches before snapping an Achilles tendon which brought her track career to an abrupt close a few years before World War II. Miss Cornell is now one of Britain's leading women athletic coaches.

FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	Pts
F. X. Sequeira	10	7	1	2	7½
K. M. A. Barnett	10	6	2	2	7
L. Schure	10	5	1	4	6½
Ray Danenberg	10	2	4	4	4
J. P. de Carvalho	10	2	4	4	4
P. K. Prokopov	10	1	2	7	2

WIMBLEDON

Tony Mottram Strikes A Blow For British Tennis

Eliminates The Conqueror Of Drobny

Wimbledon, June 24.—A blow for British tennis was struck today when Tony Mottram, Britain's No. 1 player, eliminated Glane Cucelli, of Italy, in the third round of the men's singles after a tense five-set battle.

Cucelli, stocky 32-year-old champion from Milan, created the tournament's first upset when he beat the Czech ace, Jaroslav Drobny, in the previous round. Today he once led by two sets to one before the fourth set.

Then Mottram saved five successive match points and proceeded to play the finest tennis of his career. He had a comparatively easy win in the fifth set to reach the last 16 along with star players from various parts of the world.

The match, played on the centre court, attracted the biggest crowd of the championships so far and hundreds, unable to gain entry to the court, followed the play on the electric scoreboard outside, checking every point won by either hero.

Mottram's winning score was 6-8, 6-3, 10-12, 8-7, 6-2. He will now meet Philippe Washer, of Belgium.

In the last 16 are five Americans, three Australians and two British players, and one player each from Holland, India, South Africa, Hungary, Belgium and Sweden.

No player impressed more than Frankie Parker, the American No. 1 seed, who strengthened his position as favourite with some precision tennis against the Irish champion, Cyril Kemp, in which the American lost only one game, while winning 6-0, 6-1, 6-0.

A seeded player who came near to defeating America's Gardner Muller, against whom the Indian player, Sumant Misra, played first-class tennis in which cannon-ball services played a notable part. But Misra tired in the deciding set after a gallant effort to level at four sets all.

Mulloy won 2-0, 6-4, 6-1, 3-0, 6-4.

Enrique Morea, of Argentina, fought Eric Sturgess, the South African champion, until cracking in the fourth set. Sturgess had a hard time and spent long spells at the baseline owing to Morea's sterling play, but in a match featured by hard smashing and first-class volleying the South African won 7-5, 6-4, 6-7, 6-2, to qualify for a meeting with Josef Asboth, of Hungary.

Some women's singles and a few doubles filled out the day's programme, but none caused any surprise or defeat for fancied players, and some during the afternoon as the news spread of the titanic struggle between Mottram and Cucelli on the centre court.

Frankie Parker of the United States, and seeded No. 1 player, playing like a machine, whipped Elre's Cyril Crompton 6-1 straight sets in a brilliant third round display of skill. Kemp won only one game.

Filipino Extends Frank Sedgman

By JOHN DOWNES

London, June 24.—There were many people at Wimbledon today who thought that Filipino Raymundo Deyro would still be in the Men's Singles tonight.

This especially after he won the first set of his match with young Australian Frank Sedgman 6-0. But the Australian won the match 6-6, 6-3 and 6-1.

The Australian was all at sea against the defensive first set play of the little Deyro, who kept the game slowed down all the time and retrieved everything the Australian sent over the net.

Sedgman was handicapped by the fact that his service was not working properly and his volleying was weak. This department of the game is probably the strongest in the armoury of strokes employed by the two little men from the Philippines. In the second set the Australian speeded up the game enough to retain his own services and eventually to take the fifth game from Deyro's service and thereafter it was a ding-dong battle wits between the two players.

As the Australian gained confidence his game improved and instead of doing all the running as he had in the first set, his driving became too fast for his opponent. Deyro also tried manfully to return his first services without success.

Deyro, who played throughout the match in a heavy sweater while his opponent sweated profusely in the hot sun, appeared also to be tiring badly towards the end of the third set.

While he still retrieved anything short in the fourth set he was too tired to successfully oppose the younger Australian who by this time was plainly and purposefully aggressive.—Associated Press.

50,000 WILL SEE BIG FIGHT

New York, June 24.—A crowd expected to number 50,000 in the Yankee Stadium will see Joe Louis defend his heavyweight champion crown for the 25th time in the fight with Jersey Joe Walcott if the weather hold good tonight.

Louis, who is still favoured at 11 to five, today drove to New York from his training camp and is staying with a Harlem friend until the fight time.

Walcott, 34-year-old father of six children, remained at a New York downtown hotel while awaiting his second chance to wrest the title from Louis, who is also 34.

If additional delays are necessary the bout will be held on Friday or Saturday night. Sol Strauss, of the 20th Century Club, still hoped for a gate of "about \$900,000" and 10,000 general admission tickets at \$5 each were placed on sale at 5 p.m.

Louis, who weighed 213½ pounds on Wednesday, was expected to have added at least 1½ pounds during the day. Walcott was expected to stay close to the 194½ pounds as was registered on Wednesday. Another weighing was not required.—United Press.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

SECOND ROUND

Miss Doris Hart, USA, beat Mrs Helen Petersen Rühbary, USA 6-0 and 6-1.

Mrs M. Blaire, Britain, beat Mrs J. B. Fulton, Britain, 6-1 and 6-2.

Miss Sheila Summers, South Africa, beat Miss M. R. Parker, Britain, 6-4, 6-3.

Mrs Mary Halford, Britain, beat Mrs J. S. James, Britain, 6-3 and 6-0.

Mrs Pamela Bocquet, Britain, beat Mrs Janet Morgan, Britain 6-2 and 6-3.

Mrs Vera Thomas, Britain, beat Miss Gloria Butler, USA 6-2 and 6-3.

Miss Alice Welwers, France, beat Mrs Rita Anderson, USA, 14-12 and 6-4.

Mrs W. M. Peterdy, Hungary, beat Miss Myriam de Borman, Belgium, 6-3, 7-5.

Jean Quertier, Britain, beat Mrs Lisa Gram Andersen, Denmark, 6-0 and 6-1.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND

Mrs Maria Weiss, Argentina and Mrs Annalisse Bossi, Italy, beat Mrs Audrey Robert and Miss Ermentrude Harvey, Britain, 6-4 and 6-0.

Miss Gem Hoeking, Britain, and Mrs L. J. Osborn, Britain, beat Mrs L. Anderson, Denmark, and Miss Laila Schou-Nielsen, Norway, 6-0 and 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES

Peter Hare and Mrs. Audrey, Britain beat Mr. and Mrs. E. Fulwin-Smith, Britain, 6-2 and 6-3.

Jacques Brugnion, France and Mrs. Gerlauda Briso-Torwint, Netherlands, beat Norman Dee and Mrs. Nancy Glover, Britain, 6-3 and 6-4.

Mrs. Scofield, USA, and Harry Hopman, Australia, beat Denis Coombe, New Zealand, and Nadi Zenuvill, Britain, 6-4 and 6-2.

J. W. Spende and Mrs. R. F. Woodgate, Britain, beat M. Murphy and Mrs. R. A. Bain, Elre, 4-6 9-7 and 6-3.

Boel van Meergeren, and Mrs. T. Lubers-Rischer, Holland, beat R. J. McCabe and Miss M. Brennan, Elre, 6-3 and 6-3.

Mrs S. Normoczy and Mrs W. M. Peterdy (Hungary) beat Mrs K. F. Knight and Miss N. Liebert (Britain) 6-4, 6-4.

C. Spychaya (Poland) and Mrs B. Carver (Britain) beat J. B. Fulton and Mrs Fulton (Britain) 6-3, 6-4.

P. Washer (Belgium) and Miss Shirley Fry USA beat Hon. C. N. O. Ritchie and Miss P. N. Knapp (Britain) 6-3, 6-3.

John Bromwich (Australia) and Miss Louise Brough (USA) beat E. Mandelbaum (Egypt) and Miss V. Mattar (Lebanon) 6-2, 6-1.

Frank Sedgman (Australia) and Miss Doris Hart (USA) beat H. Reid and Mrs H. Doleschell (Austria) 6-3, 6-2.

Jaroslav Drobny (Czechoslovakia) and Mrs Pat Todd (USA) beat H. Billington and Mrs Billington (Britain) 6-0, 5-7 6-2.

Josef Asboth and Mrs S. Kormoczy (Hungary) beat F. Quintavalle and Mrs A. Bussia (Italy) 6-0, 6-3.

J. van den Synde and Mrs J. de Meulmeester (Belgium) beat B. Forntstedt (Sweden) and Miss N. Hermesen (Netherlands) 2-6, 6-3, 6-6.

Tom Brown and Mrs Margaret DuPont (USA) beat D. G. Smartland and Miss N. L. Tuckey (Britain) 6-0, 6-1.—Reuter.

DALY DOES 273

Perth, Scotland, June 24.—Fred Daly, the British Open and match play golf champion, gained confidence and inspiration for the defence of his title at Mullfield, Scotland, next week when he won the Penfold Thousand, Guineas professional tournament on the King's course at Glencaig today.

Daly, a 35-year-old Irishman, had rounds of 67, 66, 70 and 70 for an aggregate of 273, which beat his nearest rivals, Dal Rees and Ken Bousfield by three strokes.—Reuter.

Australian Olympic Team

Sydney, June 24.—A large crowd said farewell to 23 members of the Australian Olympic team when they left for London by a Constellation airliner tonight.

The party included three managers.—Associated Press.

IRGUNISTS WITHDRAW FROM ISRAELI ARMY Go Underground Again ARABS BREAK TRUCE WITH ATTACK ON VILLAGE

TEL-AVIV, JUNE 24.—THE IRGUN ZVAI LEUMI YESTERDAY ORDERED ITS SOLDIERS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ARMY OF ISRAEL.

A communique issued by the Irgun commander, Menachem Beigin, said Irgun was withdrawing its recognition from the newly proclaimed Government of Israel. It added, however, that Irgun "asked our fighters to refrain from engaging in any combat within the Jewish camp," because of the Arab-Jewish war.

Thus, in effect, Irgun is returning to the role of the illegal underground organization it played in harassing the British before they gave up the Palestine mandate. A new Jewish law forbids any armed force outside the Army and classes disobedience to civil law as treason.

Strikers Must Return To Work

PREREQUISITE TO NEGOTIATIONS

London, June 24.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, indicated to the House of Commons tonight that there would be no negotiations on the grievances of the 20,000 dockers who have paralyzed the Port of London by an 11 days' strike until they had returned to work.

This statement was seen here as a reply to last night's telegram to Mr. Attlee and others from the unofficial strike committee, calling for a conference with trade union and Government representatives.

The basis for such talks, the strike committee added, should be a Government declaration that the ultimate objective was the removal of an "unjust sentence" on 11 dockers who had refused to handle a cargo.

In a statement which thus appeared to complete the deadlock, Mr. Attlee made clear that more troops would be drafted to the docks if the strike continued. In the docks today troops continued unloading foodstuffs, in particular thousands of eggs from Eire and Poland.

Two thousand dockers reported for work this morning, while 18,000 others were idle for the 11th day.—Reuter.

Special Session For Lords Reform Bill

London, June 24.—Parliament is to meet specially in September to enable a bill reducing the powers of the House of Lords to be passed into law, despite the House of Lords' opposition, before the end of the present Parliament in 1950.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, leader of the House of Commons, announced this in the House of Commons today. A bill opposed by the House of Lords may become law if passed three times by the House of Commons within two years of its second reading in the House of Commons.

Therefore a special session will allow this to be done. The Government is credited with the intention of introducing a bill to nationalise the iron and steel industry in the autumn.

Mr. Morrison said Parliament will be prorogued on July 30. The King will open the extra session on September 14. It would last about 10 days.

The new 1948-49 session was, he said, expected to start on October 26.—Reuter.

Nurses Exchange Visits

London, June 24.—Thirty-eight Danish nurses are now in London for a fortnight's exchange visit with 24 British nurses now in Copenhagen.

The visit has been arranged by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. The Danish nurses are staying in the nurses' homes of 17 London hospitals and the British nurses are accommodated in a large school just outside Copenhagen.—Associated Press.

Bomb Explosion

Athens, June 24.—A bomb exploded in the telephone centre in Salonika tonight, wounding seven people.—Reuter.

Horns Of Peace Sound In Cairo



Egyptian army buglers sound the "cease fire" from Cairo's historic citadel following the acceptance of four-week truce in Arab-Jewish fighting. In background is the Citadel Mosque, built by Mohamed Ali, founder of modern Egypt.—AP Picture.

"It seems this is the language the Jews understand best," he added.

The Arab League leader called the Irgun-Haganah clash over an arms ship at Tel-Aviv "a well acted comedy."—Reuter.

ARABS ATTACK

Haifa, June 24.—A reliable Jewish source said today that Arab troops launched a surprise attack on the village of Elbirwa near Acre in Western Galilee on Wednesday night. The attack, reported to have been made by units of Fauzi Kaukji's liberation army and Iraqi forces now in Nazareth, is regarded as the most serious breach since the cease fire, said this source.

It was learned that a United Nations field observer, accompanied by a Jewish Army representative, is today visiting the scene of the "heavy surprise attack which caused a number of Jewish casualties."

Elbirwa, said this source, was taken by the Jews prior to the cease fire at the time of the capture of Acre and Western Galilee and was being held by a small Israeli garrison.—Associated Press.

CAIRO EXPLOSION

Cairo, June 24.—Thirty-eight dead were reported by the police as a result of two explosions on June 20 in Cairo's Jewish quarter.

The police added that three bodies are still buried under the debris.—Associated Press.

Govt. Defeated

London, June 24.—The Government suffered two more defeats in the House of Lords tonight on the British Nationality Bill—their third and fourth reverses in a week on this measure.

As on Monday, the Opposition strongly resisted the use of the word "citizenship" and this time expunged it from the long title of the Bill.

The Government's second defeat was in the rejection of a clause which laid down that Eire citizens must apply in writing to the Home Secretary if they wish to remain British subjects.

The Bill was then finally read a third time.—Reuter.

Kommandatura Ceases To Exist

Berlin, June 24.—Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky, the Soviet Military Governor of Germany, tonight issued a proclamation to the people of Berlin stating that the Allied Kommandatura in Berlin had ceased to exist "to all intents and purposes". The proclamation blamed the Western Allies for the present currency position in the German capital.—Reuter.

Gift For Princess

London, June 24.—Three Indian Army officers called on Princess Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace this afternoon to present her with the Indian Army's wedding gift, a 100-year-old Dutch silver bowl.

The Duke of Edinburgh was not present but will meet these officers to thank them on July 30.—Reuter.

EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT LIKELY TO BE ANNOUNCED

Warsaw, June 24.—An official announcement published at the conclusion of the Warsaw Conference tonight declared that the Conference has drawn up a declaration on the decisions of the London Conference.

The declaration, concerning the London proposals for a provisional Government of Western Germany and the international control of the Ruhr, is expected to be published tomorrow, and may contain an announcement of the establishment of an East German Government, it was unofficially reported tonight.

Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky, the Russian Commander-in-Chief in Germany, arrived here today, these reports added.

Circles in Berlin in close touch with the Russians tonight offered the following interpretation of the events surrounding the Warsaw Conference:

The Conference is likely to formulate a "League of Eastern European Nations" in which the Soviet Union of Germany will participate in much the same way as Western Germany takes part in the Marshall plan.

Communist officials in Paris today forecast that the full 10-nation Cominform would probably meet immediately after the present Conference.

British Ban Shipments Of Supplies To Soviet Zone Of Germany

Berlin, June 24.—The British military authorities today banned all shipments of coal, steel and other supplies to the Soviet Zone. "This step has been taken because the Soviets have in their Zone many railway wagons which they have failed to return to the British Zone," a British spokesman said. "There is no question of reprisals."

The decision was taken a few hours after the Russians had blocked the Helmsdorf-Berlin railway line, claiming the track needed repairs.

These repairs were "much more serious than anticipated" and it was difficult to predict when rail freight and passenger traffic in both directions could be resumed, the Soviet-licensed German news agency said tonight.

Observers estimated that the blocked Western sectors of Berlin could hold out for about a month if the Soviet "siege" was not intensified.

TRANSPORT POSITION

The transport position tonight was: All rail connections between Berlin and Western Germany were cut. Western Allied cars could still leave Berlin for their Zones, but no incoming traffic of any kind was allowed.

British, American and French planes were still able to fly in and out of the German capital and reports that the Russians had put barrage balloons along the air corridor were described by a British spokesman as "untrue."

Telephone and telegraph lines connecting Berlin with the West were still functioning.

Berlin's 2,000,000 Western sector residents, feeling the first pinch of the Soviet "sanctions" in the currency war, were assured today by Major-General E. O. Herbert, the Commandant of the British sector, that there was enough food "for the time being."

Early morning cuts in electricity supplies from the Soviet-controlled Berlin power station, made necessary, the Russians said, by "the shortage of fuel," were expected to last until late this afternoon.

BERLINERS QUEUE UP

Berliners were queuing in endless lines before food shops, and the attitude of the populace had "changed from high tension to apathy," the German news service, DPD, reported.

Armed Russian police were patrolling the main streets of the Soviet sector.

General Herbert appealed to Berliners to keep calm and said that

Counsel Pay Visit To Murder House

New Delhi, June 24.—Prosecution and defence counsel, and four accused in the Gandhi assassination trial today visited Biron House, scene of the Mahatma's prayer meeting, to repeat the scene of the murder. Later, the examination of prosecution witnesses began.—Reuter.

Portugal Swelters

Lisbon, June 24.—Portugal is sweltering in a heat wave. A shade temperature of 38 degrees Centigrade was recorded in Lisbon today.—Reuter.

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Pearl Harbour Was A "Great Relief" To Roosevelt

Washington, June 24.—Japan's attack on Pearl Harbour actually was a "great relief" for President Roosevelt, the late Harry Hopkins wrote in his secret papers, for he saw it taking the nation off a hot spot, Robert Sherwood, friend of the late President and Hopkins' biographer, explained today.

Mr. Roosevelt had feared the Japanese would "conquer and exploit an empire" avoiding conflict with the United States, and forcing us, to "put up or forever shut up," he said.

Sherwood, writing in Collier's Magazine, pictures "Roosevelt's dilemma" this way:

1. Mr. Roosevelt believed the Japanese were about to strike at British or Dutch possessions and sweep onward without attacking the United States, and even if the United States went to war to stop it, she probably would do so halfheartedly after a long delay.

2. If this aggression did not provoke us into war, as seemed likely, what would be the effect on the British, Russians, Chinese—or the Axis?

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"The plain fact was that the moment was imminent when the United States would be forced at gun point either to put up or forever shut up," Sherwood wrote and went on: "There was just one thing that the Japanese could do to get Roosevelt completely off the horns of the dilemma, and that is precisely what they did, at one stroke, in a manner so challenging, so insulting and so engaging, that the divided and constantly rendered unanimous and certain."

"Thus Hopkins wrote later of the President's great relief at the method the Japanese used in starting the war at Pearl Harbour." On that fateful December Sunday, Hopkins said, Mr. Roosevelt had "discussed at some length his efforts to keep the country out of war and his earnest desire to complete his administration without war, but that the Japanese had made the decision for him."

Appraising the European situation in the fall of 1941 before the Japanese attack, Hopkins wrote: "Both Henry L. Stimson (Secretary of War) and George C. Marshall (Chief of Staff) feel that we can't win without getting into war, but they have no idea how that is going to be accomplished."—Associated Press.

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